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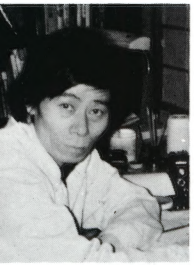

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♣ THE CURSE OF THE MOTHER GODDESS' STATUE

HEEEY.
IT'S FINALLY THE DAY OF THE CULTURAL FESTIVAL TODAY.
THERE'LL BE ALL SORTS OF UNIQUE DISPLAYS THIS YEAR.
I'M SURE THEY'LL CAUSE A STIR AMONGST THE PARENTS.
OUR GROUP'S "WORLD OF MAGIC" SHOULD PROVE THE MOST INTERESTING.
LOOK, THIS IS ONE OF THE MAGIC TOOLS WE'LL BE SHOWING OFF.
IT'S CALLED THE "MAGIC HAND", YOU USE IT FOR EXORCISMS.

WH... WHAT'RE YOU DOING, GIVE IT BACK!
AH!
HEHEHEHE.
OI, SHORTY!
OH YEAH, IT WAS YOUR MIDDLE SCHOOL'S CULTURAL FESTIVAL TODAY WASN'T IT.
YOU LOT GOT TOO CLOSE TO AKUTA SCHOOL...
HMPH, YOU THINK WE'D JUST GIVE IT BACK TO YOU?
PLEASE GIVE THAT BACK, IT'S VERY VALUABLE.
I BET THEY'VE GOT PLENTY OF CASH FROM THEIR DADS, HEHEHE...
THE SCHOOL'S MEANT TO HAVE PLENTY OF RICH, WELL OFF BOYS.

HEHEHE...
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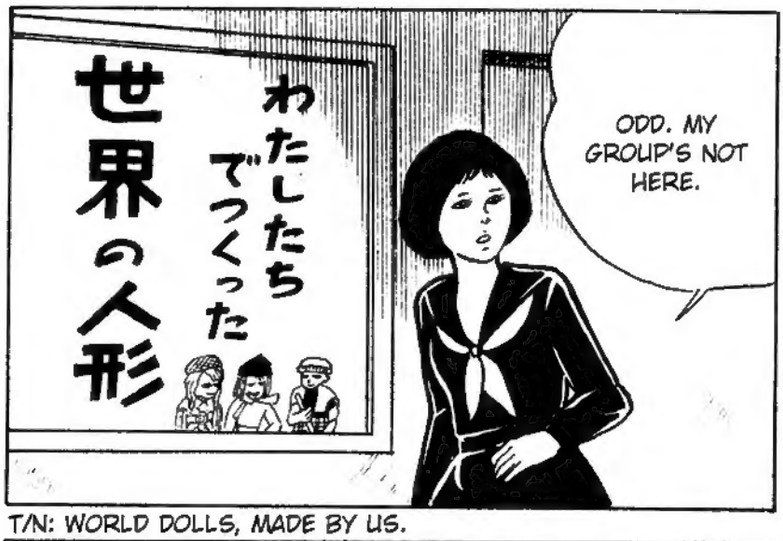
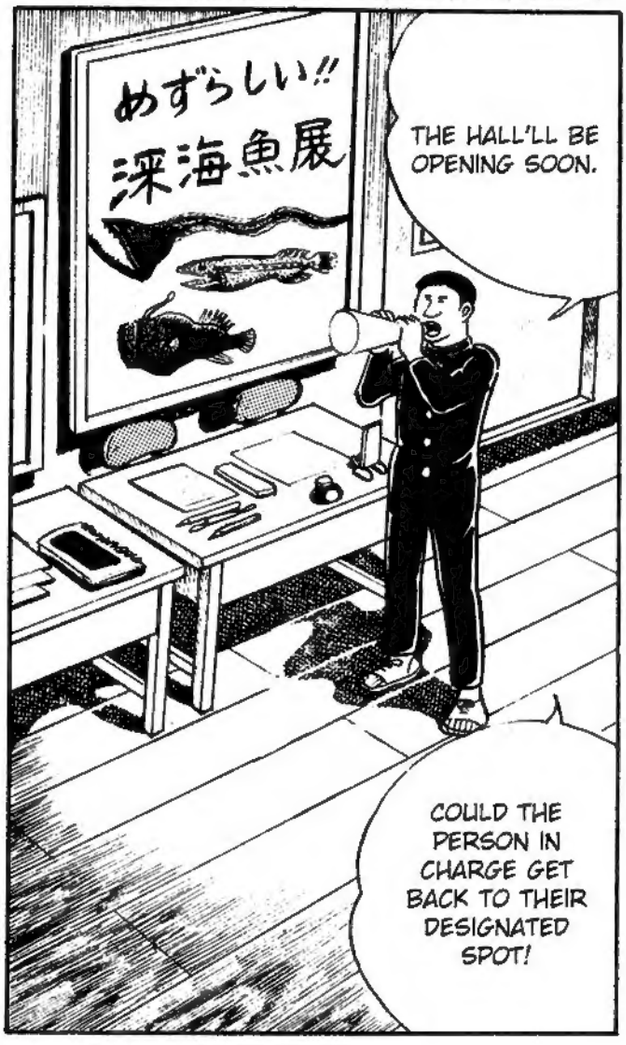
US LOT'LL BE PRETTY MAD IF YOU AIN'T GOT NO CASH FOR US TO PLAY WITH.
YOU TRYING TO TREAT US LIKE KIDS?!
EEEEEEK!
THIS I ALL I HAVE AT THE MOMENT.
IF YOU DON'T WANNA GET HURT, GIVE US ALL OF YOUR CASH!
WHERE'VE YOU LOT ALL GOTTEN TOOOO?!
OOOI!
蛭山中学校
歓迎
文化祭
文化祭

T/N: THE SIGNS READ "WELCOME TO THE CULTURAL FESTIVAL", "HIRUYAMA MIDDLE SCHOOL" AND "CULTURAL FESTIVAL".

T/N: AMAZING! DEEP SEA FISH EXHIBITION!



T/N: WORLD DOLLS, MADE BY US.



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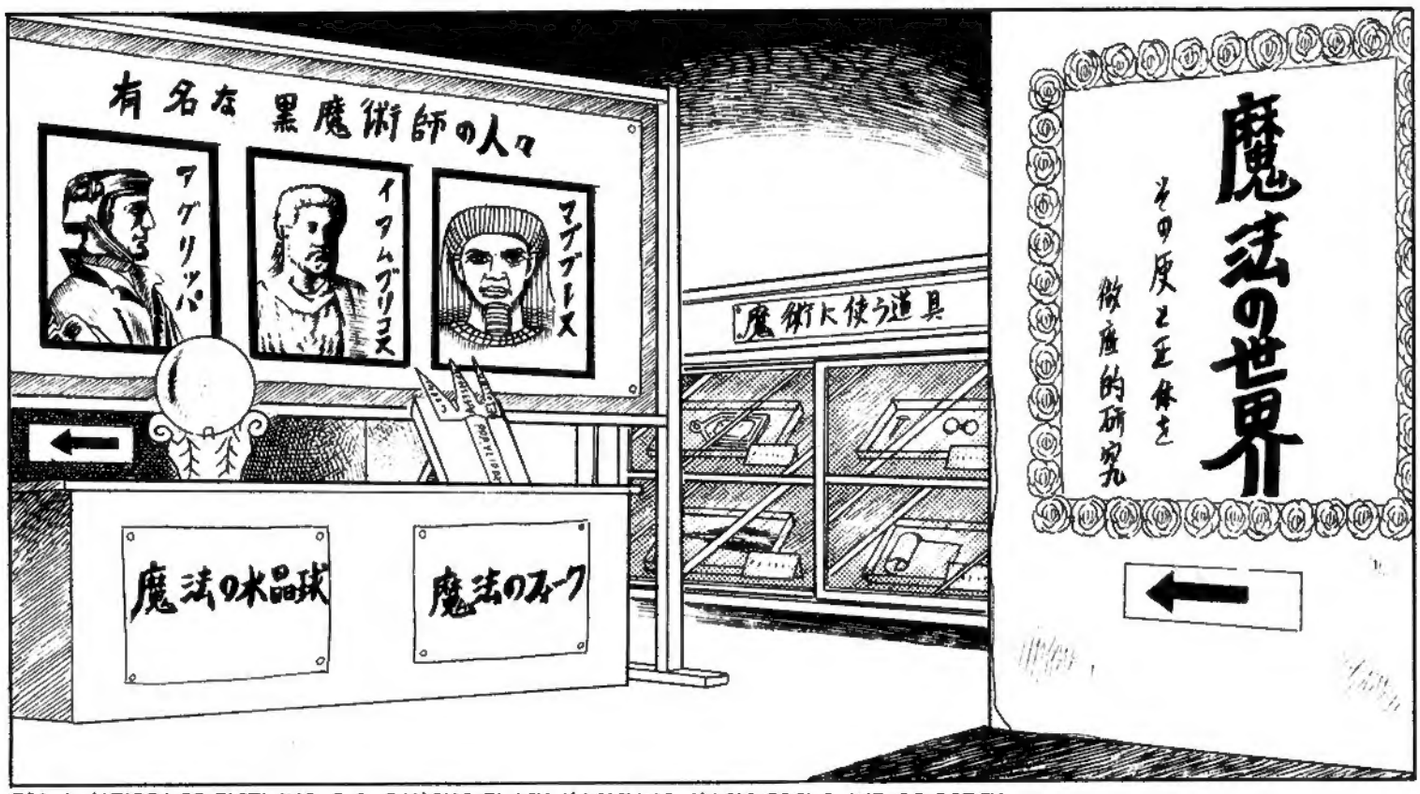
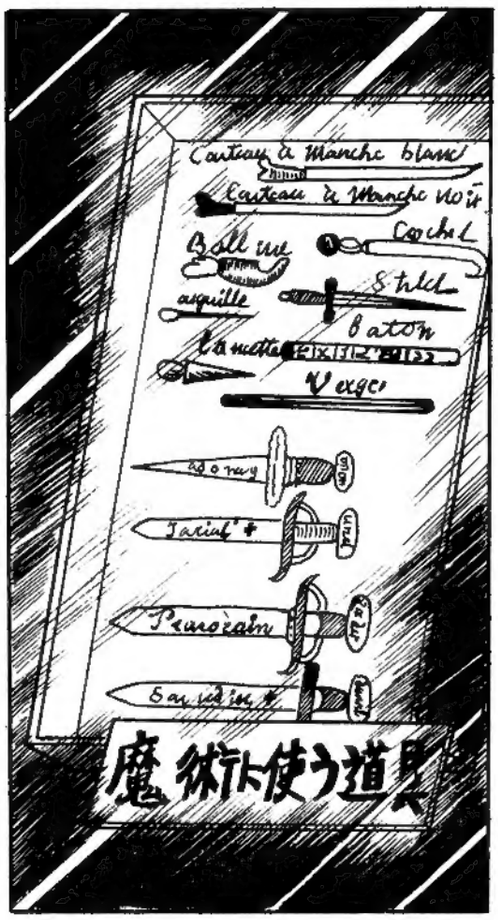
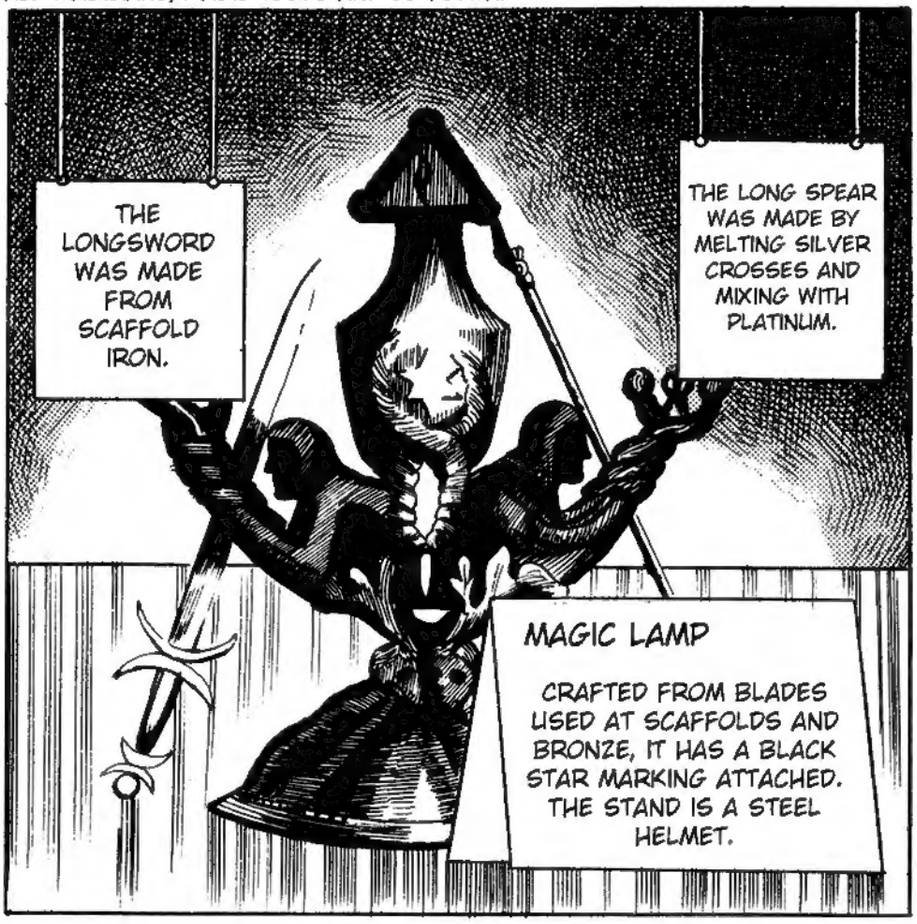


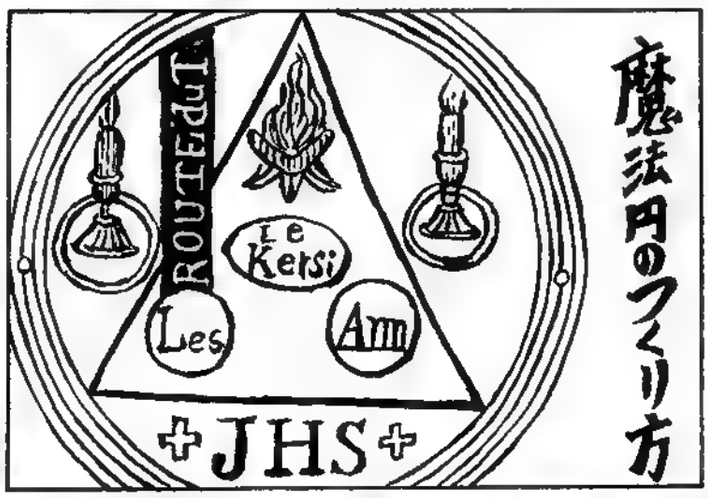
T/N: A VARIETY OF DISPLAYS, E.G. FAMOUS BLACK MAGICIANS, MAGIC TOOLS AND SO FORTH.




THE LONGSWORD WAS MADE FROM SCAFFOLD IRON.
THE LONG SPEAR WAS MADE BY MELTING SILVER CROSSES AND MIXING WITH PLATINUM.
MAGIC LAMP
CRAFTED FROM BLADES USED AT SCAFFOLDS AND BRONZE, IT HAS A BLACK STAR MARKING ATTACHED. THE STAND IS A STEEL HELMET.

黒魔術に使う薬草
悪魔全集
栄光の手
THEY LOOK JUST LIKE THE REAL THINGS, THEY ■ID A GOOD JOB GATHERING THEM ALL LIKE THIS.

HM?!
CHIEF, LOOK AT THAT INSTEAD!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WH... WHAT IS IT?!

MOTHER GODDESS STATUE

文化祭
HEH, THAT TRANSFER STUDENT'S JUST A SCHOOL GIRL THOUGH...
THIS "WORLD OF MAGIC" WAS PLANNED BY MISA KUROI.
WHO IN THE WORLD COULD'VE BROUGHT THIS HUGE STATUE IN?
道具
GREAT ISN'T IT...
IT'S BECAUSE OF US WORKING TOGETHER.
MISA-SAN, THANKS TO YOU THIS IS PROVING REALLY POPULAR.
HE REALLY SHOULD BE HERE BY NOW...
BY THE WAY, ISN'T YAMADA-KUN RATHER LATE?
YA... YAMADA-KUN!
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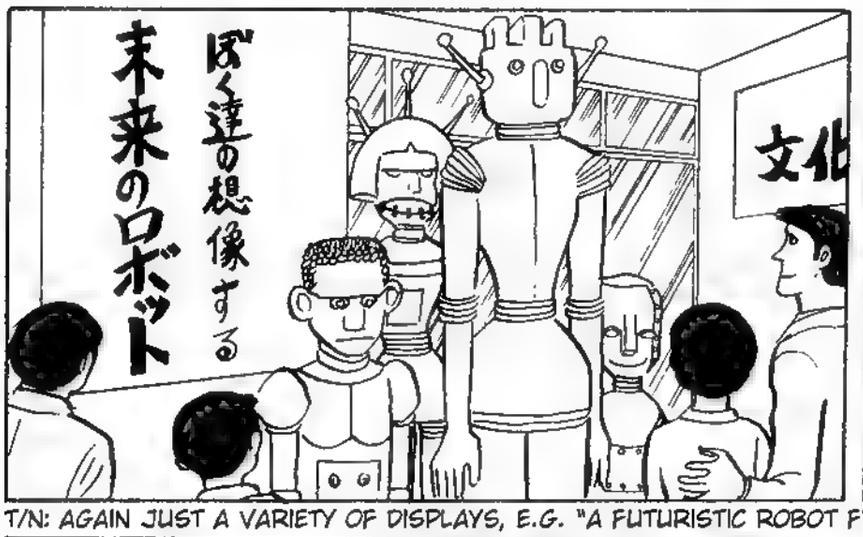
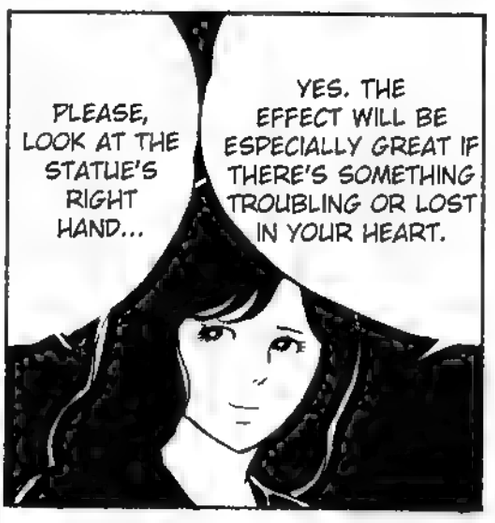
IT'S FINE, I'M ALRIGHT.
WHAT TERRIBLE WOUNDS, WE HAVE TO GET HIM TO THE NURSE'S OFFICE AND QUICK...
WAS IT THAT LOT AGAIN?
NO, IT'S NOTHING.
JUST WHAT HAPPENED, WHAT'S WITH THOSE WOUNDS?
...
HEY, WHAT DO YOU MEAN THAT LOT?
IF YOU LET THEM HAVE THEIR WAY ONCE, THEY'LL KEEP ON PUSHING THEIR LUCK. DO YOU REALLY INTEND TO JUST LEAVE THINGS LIKE THIS?
LET ME GUESS, THIS SCHOOL'S STUDENTS HAVE BEEN HAVING TROUBLE WITH A GROUP OF DELINQUENTS FROM A NEARBY HIGHSHCOOL, WHO'VE PESTERED THEM FOR MONEY AND DONE ALL SORTS OF HORRIBLE THINGS TO THEM.



T/N: AGAIN JUST A VARIETY OF DISPLAYS, E.G. "A FUTURISTIC ROBOT FROM OUR IMAGINATIONS".


PLEASE, LOOK AT THE STATUE'S RIGHT HAND...
YES. THE EFFECT WILL BE ESPECIALLY GREAT IF THERE'S SOMETHING TROUBLING OR LOST IN YOUR HEART.

WHO THREW THAT ROCK...
AH!
YOU SHOULDN'T BE LISTENING TO ALL THIS NONSENSE.
WHAT A LOAD OF USELESS JUNK, WHAT IS THIS WORLD OF MAGIC.
UH!
AND WHAT'S THIS, YOU PURPOSELY CUT YOURSELF... ISNT THAT DISGRACEFUL!
STOP MISA-SAN, THEY'RE NO GOOD.
WOULDN'T THE USELESS ONES BE THE GROUP OF HIGH SCHOOLERS WHO PICK ON MIDDLE SCHOOLERS!
マブブレス
WH... WHAT WAS THAT?!

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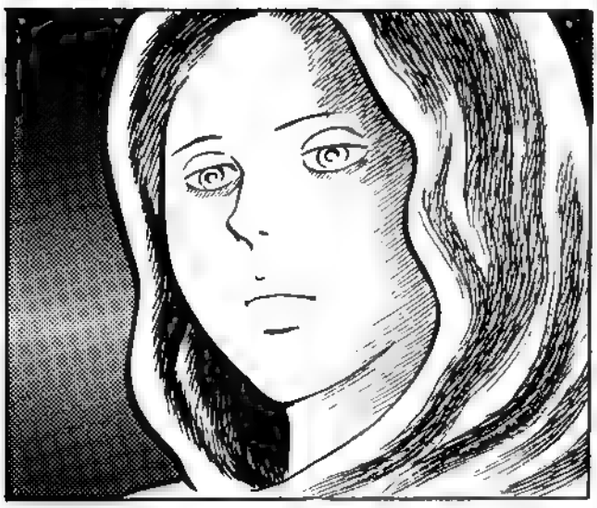
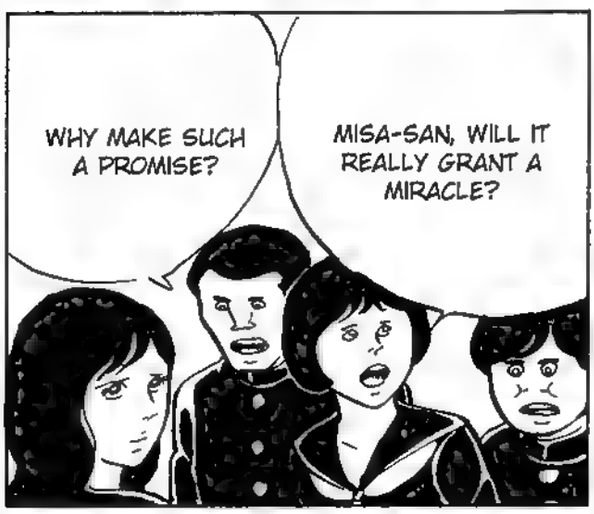
IT SEEMS THE ONES WHO HURT YAMADA-KUN WERE JUST SOME LOW LEVEL THUGS.
BUT I CAN'T JUST LET THEM DESTROY THE DISPLAY ITEMS.
YOU REALLY SHOULD STOP MISA, ELSE SOMETHING TERRIBLE WILL HAPPEN!
STILL, YOU'RE CERTAINLY A CUTE ONE AIN'T YAH.
IF YOU'RE A WOMAN YOU SHOULD BE QUIETER, MORE EASY GOING.
IT'S FINE, COME ON.
NO, STOP IT! GET OFF!
HOW ABOUT YOU KEEP US COMPANY.
HEHEH, OI!
PLEASE, SOMEONE CALL A TEACHER!
DON'T JUST TRY AND IGNORE IT!

GAH, HA, HA, HAAAH!
HEY, WHAT'S WITH THE INDIFFERENT LOOKS!
EMI-SAN, YAMADA-KUN, DO SOMETHING!
WH... WHAT WAS THAT?!
OF COURSE, YOU WILL HAVE TO FACE YOUR PUNISHMENT.
IT'LL LISTEN TO ANYTHING RIGHT.
IF YOU WANNA BE SAVED, THEN ASKS THAT MOTHER GODDESS STATUE.
TODAY'S THE SCHOOL'S FUN CULTURAL FESTIVAL THOUGH...
CAN'T YOU HAVE IT DO ANYTHING AMUSING QUICKER?
BUT WHAT'LL YOU DO IF THAT "MIRACLE" DOESN'T HAPPEN?
FINE, WE'LL WAIT UNTIL THEN!
ONCE THE FESTIVAL'S OVER, I'LL PRAY TO THE STATUE TO GRANT YOUR PUNISHMENT...
IT'D BE BAD TO GET IN EVERYONE'S WAY...

ALRIGHT, IT'S A PROMISE FOR SURE.
YOU CAN HAVE ME TO YOUR HEARTS' CONTENT...




WHY MAKE SUCH A PROMISE?
MISA-SAN, WILL IT REALLY GRANT A MIRACLE?

COULD WE USE THAT TO TAKE ON THOSE DELINQUENTS?
HUH? WHAT?
IF WE ALL JOIN OUR POWER, WE CAN INVOKE MAGIC.

YOU CAN USE THE POWER IN YOUR HEART TO CALL FORTH GREAT ACTS UPON OTHERS.
OF COURSE. YOU MIGHT NOT BELIEVE IT, BUT SORCERY IS A POWERFUL THING...
YOU CAN REMAIN CALM EVEN AGAINST OLDER, HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!
THUS WE'VE NOTHING TO FEAR!
THAT GATHERING OF SPIRITS WILL BRING FORTH A GREAT ENERGY AND CAUSE IT TO MOVE.
IF WE TRY TO STRIKE THE STATUE WITH ALL OUR DAY TO DAY HATE AND RESENTMENT, AS MUCH AS WE CAN...
BELIEVE IN ME!
BUT YOU KNOW, NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU SAY IT, IT'S ALL...
GOT IT...
MM.
LOOK, ONCE THE EXHIBITION'S OVER, JUST GATHER HERE ALRIGHT!

GOT THAT, PLEASE DO.
THE MORE WHO COME, THE MORE EFFECTIVE THE MAGIC WILL BE.
M... MM.
WILL YOU COME AS WELL YAMADA-KUN?
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NO GOOD... NO ONE'S COMING...
WAIT YAMADA-KUN!

WELL, AREN'T YOU?!
YOU SAY THAT, BUT AREN'T YOU ANGRY ABOUT ALL THE BAD THINGS THEY'VE DONE TO YOU?!
WHAT THEY'LL DO IN REVENGE IS SCARY...
SORRY BUT, I DON'T WANT ANYTHING TO DO WITH THIS.
JUST STOP WITH ALL THIS NEEDLESS MEDDLING. NO ONE ELSE IS GONNA COME HELP YOU.
HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO JUST MEEKLY ACCEPT THINGS FOR?! WHERE'S YOUR HUMAN EMOTION YAMADA-KUN!
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HAH!
WELL, LOOKS AS THOUGH THIS IS GONNA BE OUR WIN...
AS PROMISED, WE GET TO PLAY WITH YOU TO OUR HEARTS' CONTENT.
AH!
FUFU-FU...

GET BACK!
THINGS AREN'T SETTLED YET!
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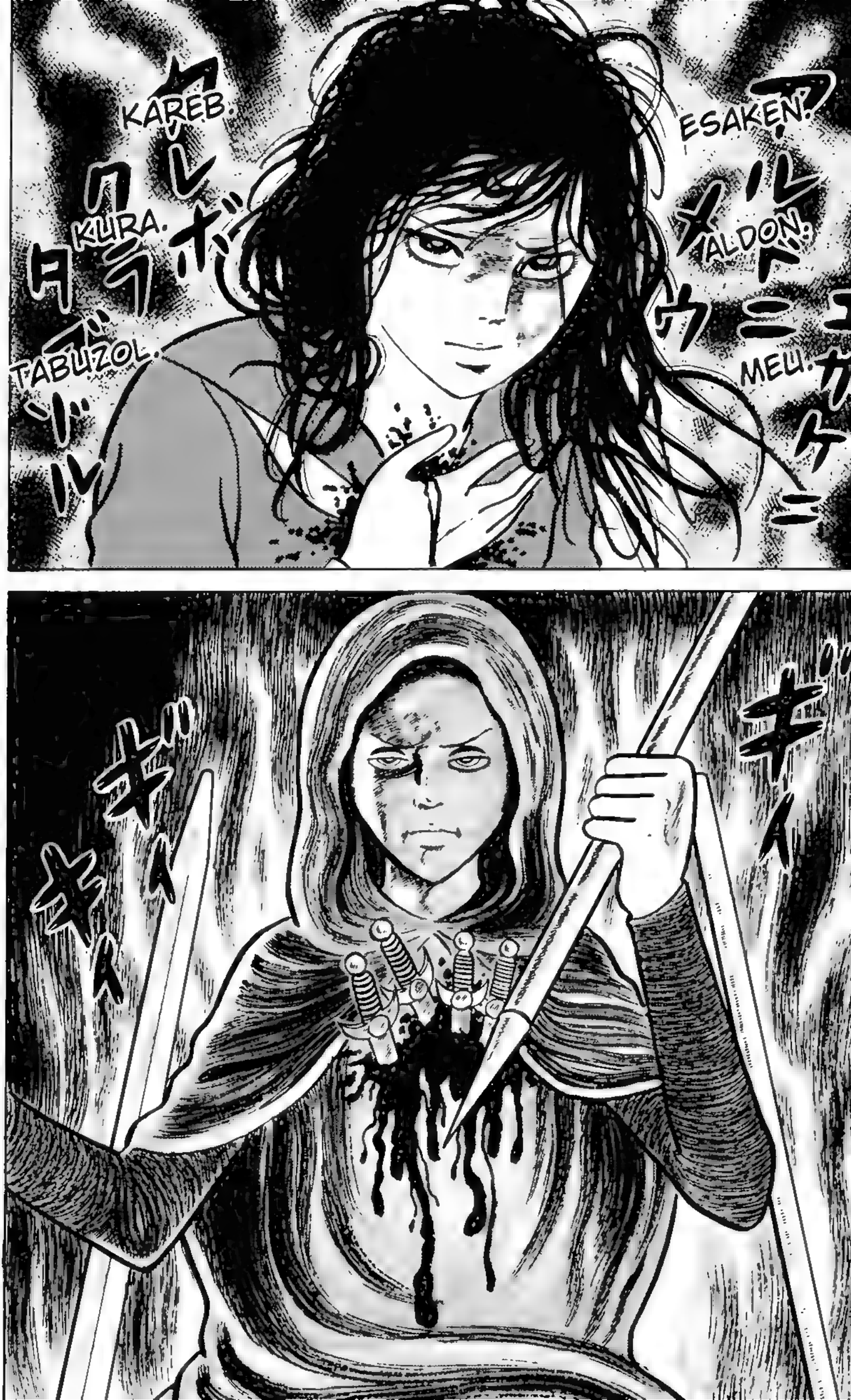
PUREO.
RIM!
OLDE.
RU!
KAMELUA BURUTO!
RODEAL!
KAMIDO!
RUA!
MOTHER GODDESS STATUE.
AAAAH!
BLOOD'S COMING FROM THE STATUE'S CHEST!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KURA.
TABUZOL.
ESAKEN.
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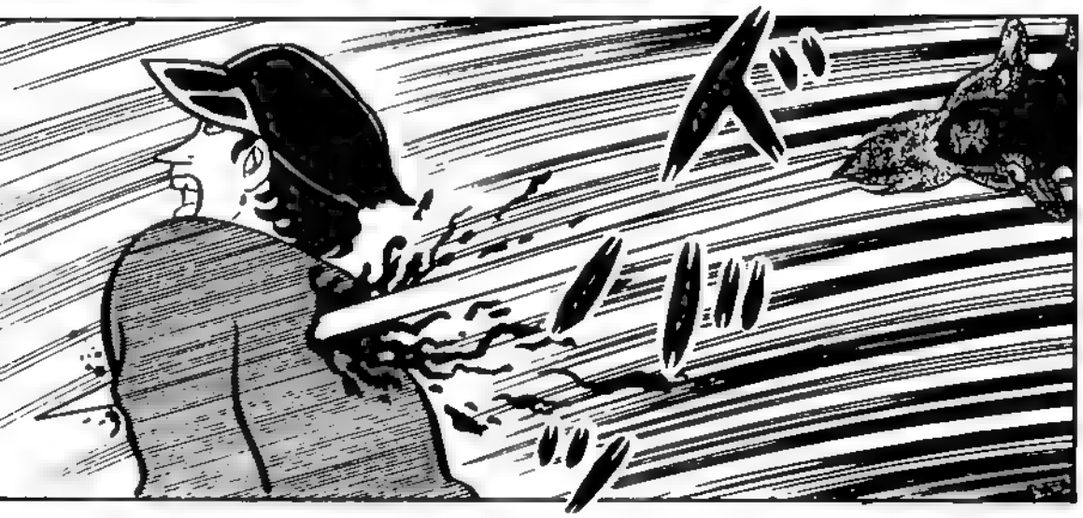
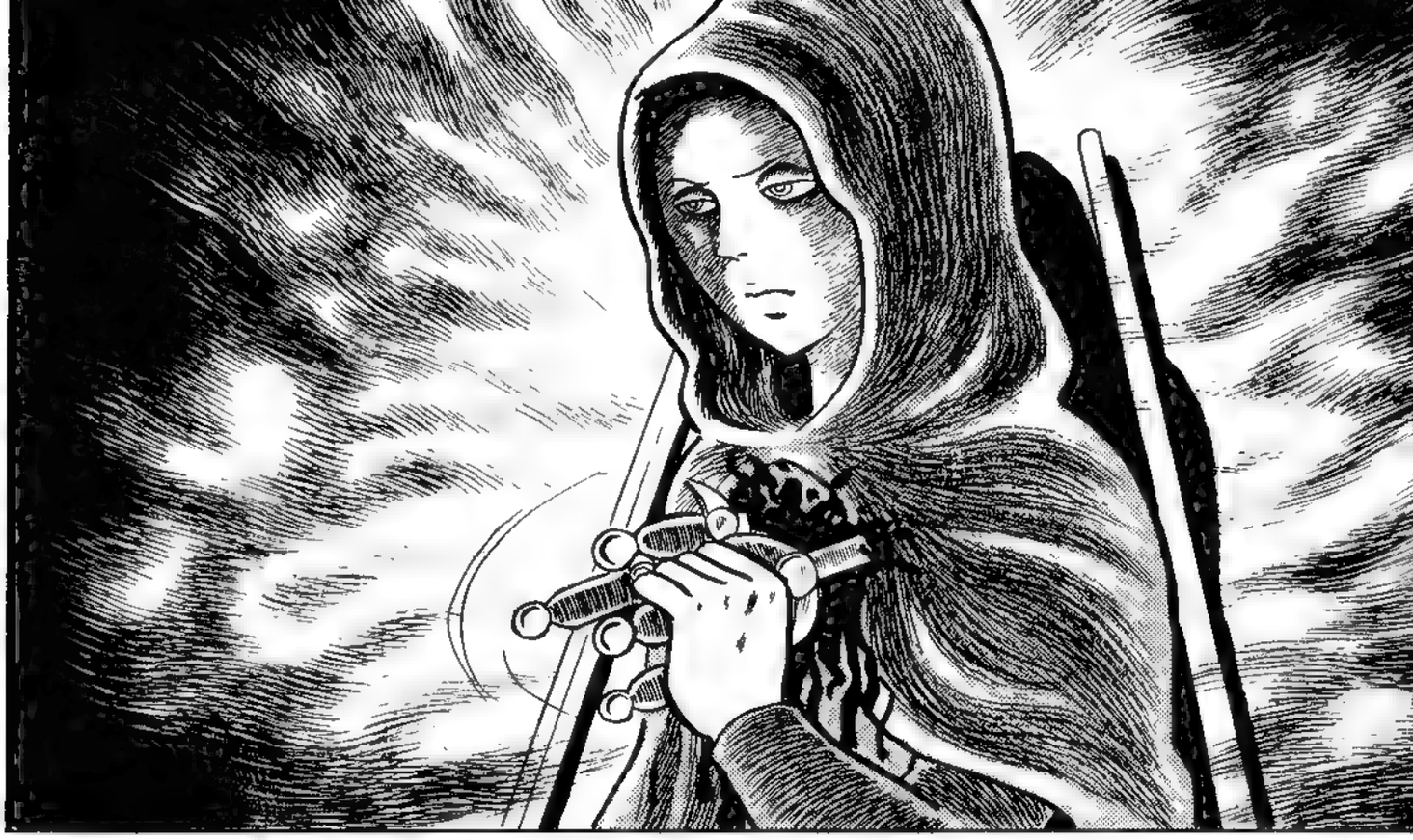
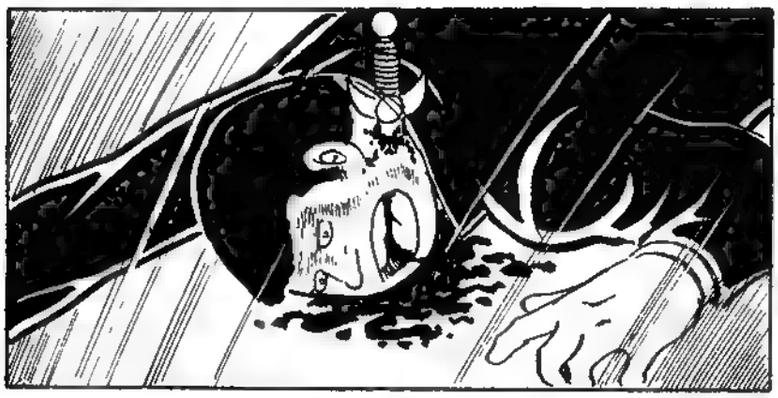
MEU.

AARGH, IT MOVED!







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OHOHOHO!
HOHOHO!

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UUH!

EKO EKO AZARAK.
EKO EKO ZAMERAK.
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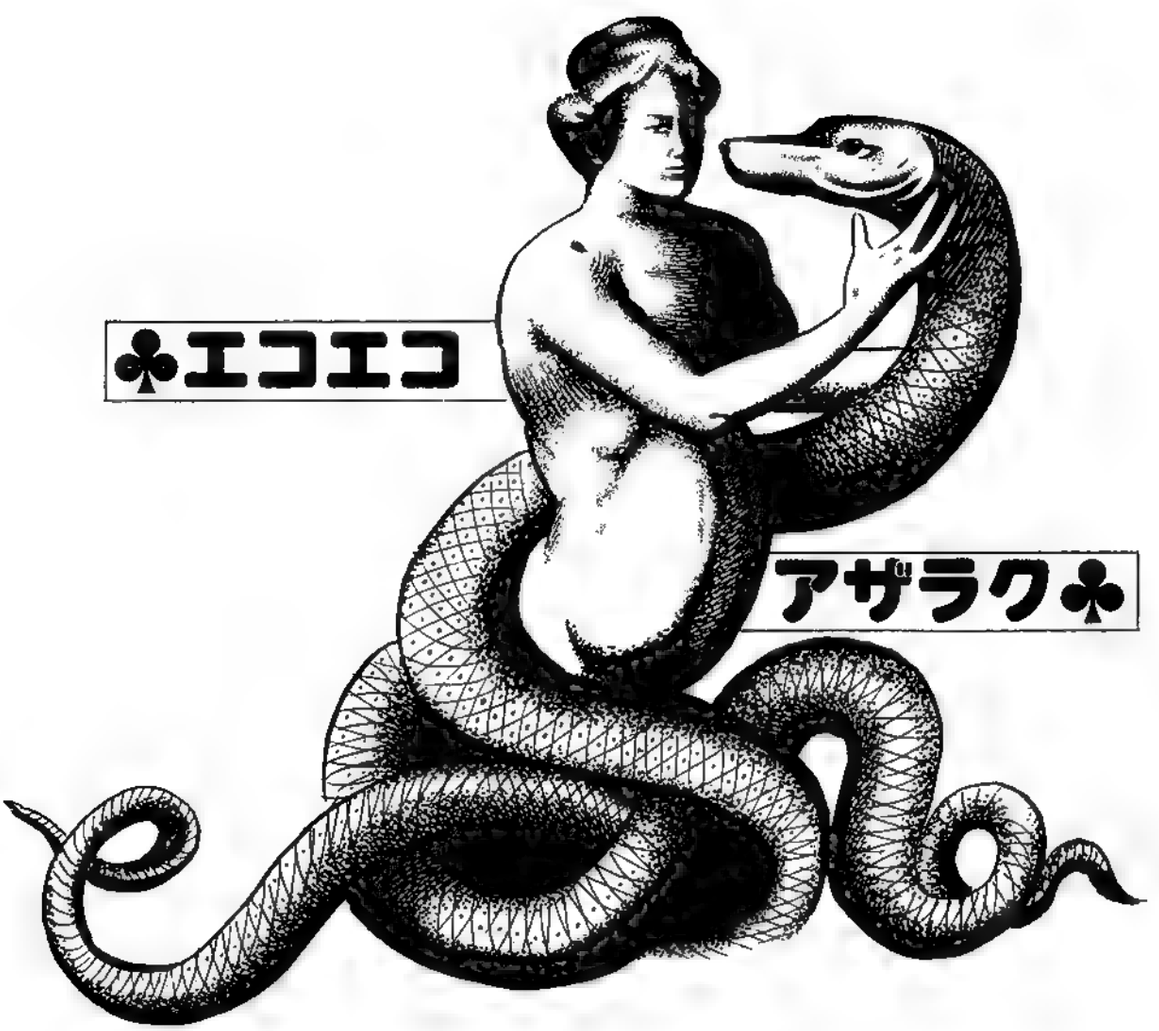
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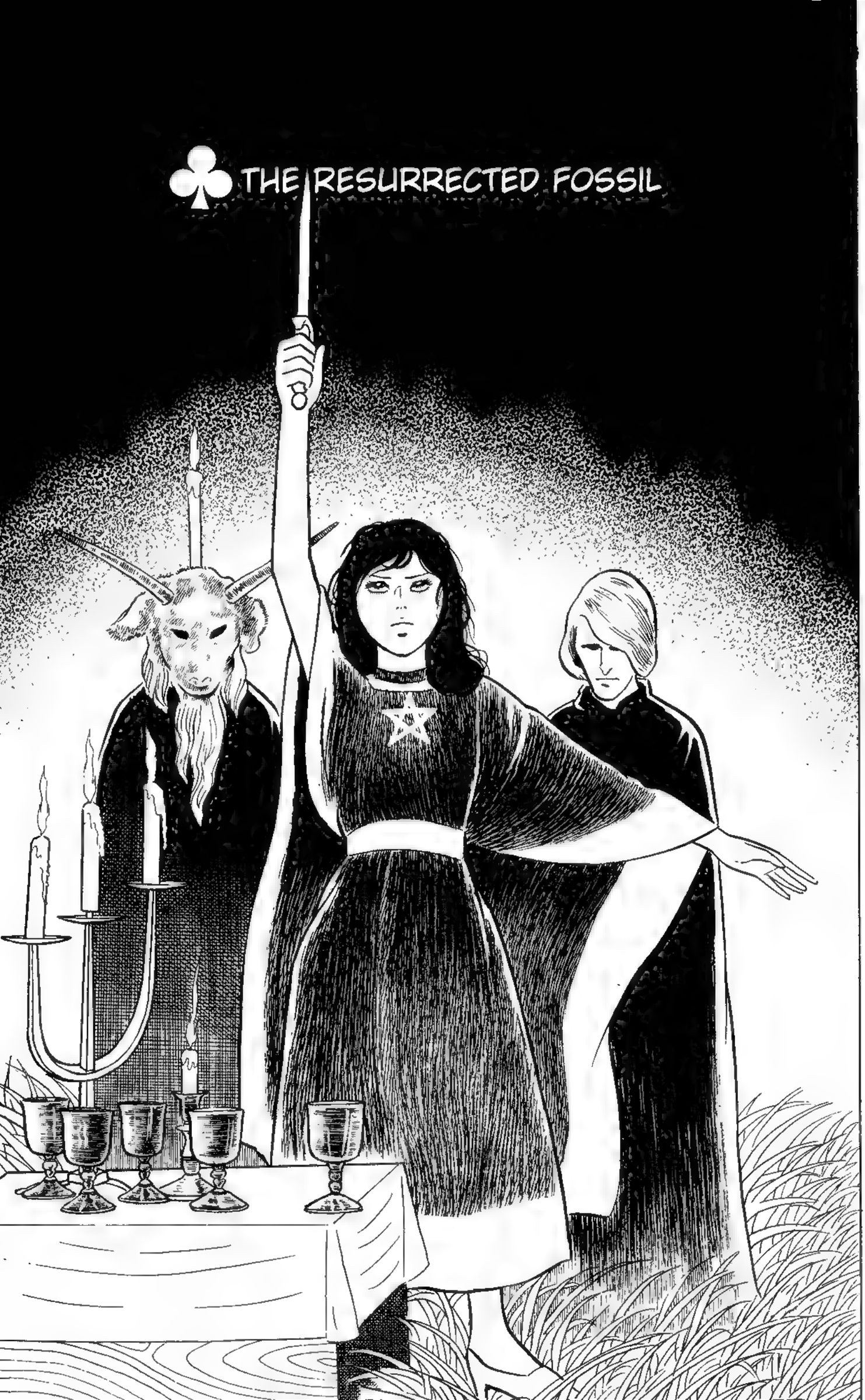
THE RESURRECTED FOSSIL

THE BELL'S RUNG FOR CLASS, HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO KEEP THAT RACKET UP FOR?!
HEY!
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ARGH!
WHO WAS THAT TRYING TO CAUSE TROUBLE JUST THEN?!
I... IT WASN'T ME!
EH?!
YOU DID IT, DIDN'T YOU NAITOU.
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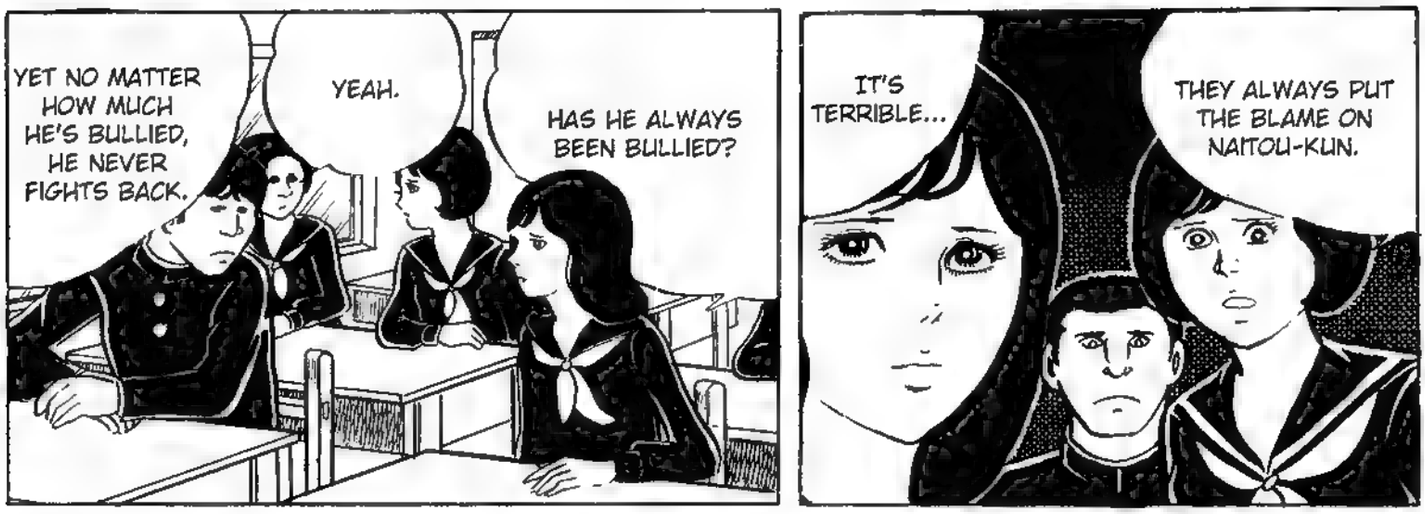
I... I DID NOT!
SENSEI! HE HAD THIS SLINGSHOT IN HIS POCKET!
YEAH, YEAH, THE SHORTY DID IT!
I SAW IT FULLY!
Y... YES SIR...
NAITOU, SEE ME AFTER IN THE STAFF ROOM!
WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?!


YET NO MATTER HOW MUCH HE'S BULLIED, HE NEVER FIGHTS BACK.
YEAH.
HAS HE ALWAYS BEEN BULLIED?
IT'S TERRIBLE...
THEY ALWAYS PUT THE BLAME ON NAITOU-KUN.

GAHAHAHA.
職員室
LOOK. HE'S ALL BOWING HIS HEAD TO THE TEACHER.
MM. HE'S RATHER SHY, AND SAYS LITTLE.
SO EVERYONE MESSES AROUND WITH HIM.

THERE'S NOTHING ELSE I CAN DO, THEY ALWAYS JUST BLAME ME.
NAITOU-KUN, YOU SHOULDN'T APOLOGIZE ANYMORE.
PLUS I'M BAD AT STUDYING, SO I GET TREATED LIKE A FOOL.
THERE'S JUST NO HOPE FOR ME. I'M SHORT AND POOR AT FIGHTING.
IF YOU DON'T OCCASIONALLY GET MAD, NOTHING'LL CHANGE.
YOUR TIMIDITY IS WHAT CAUSES THEM TO PICK ON YOU.
AH!
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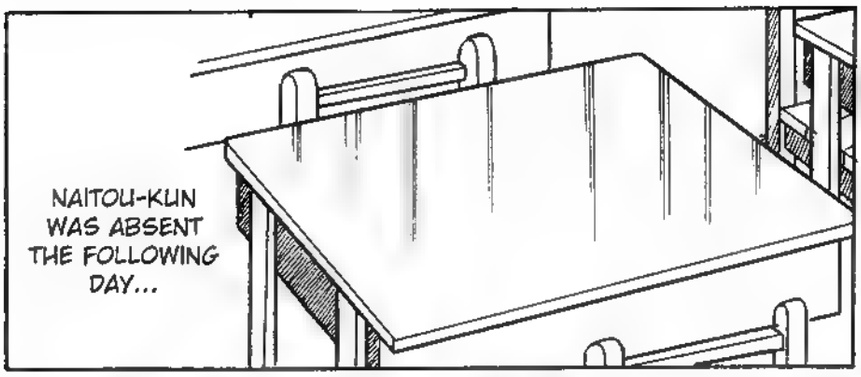
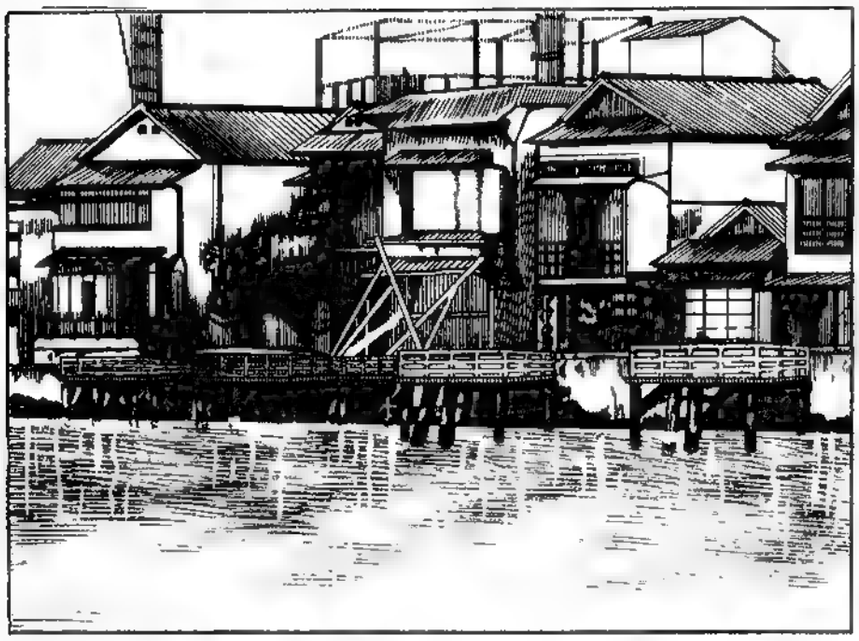
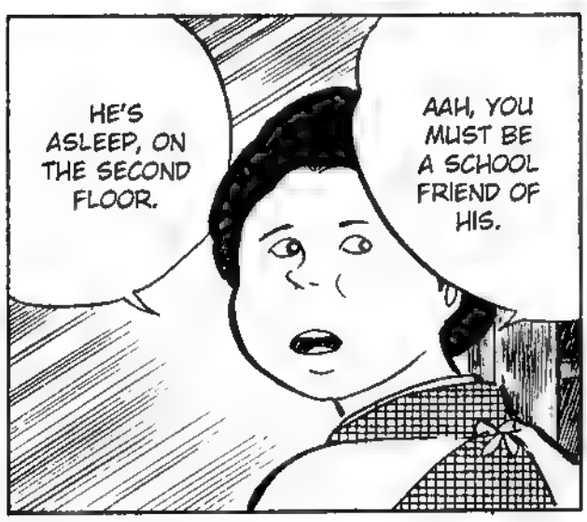
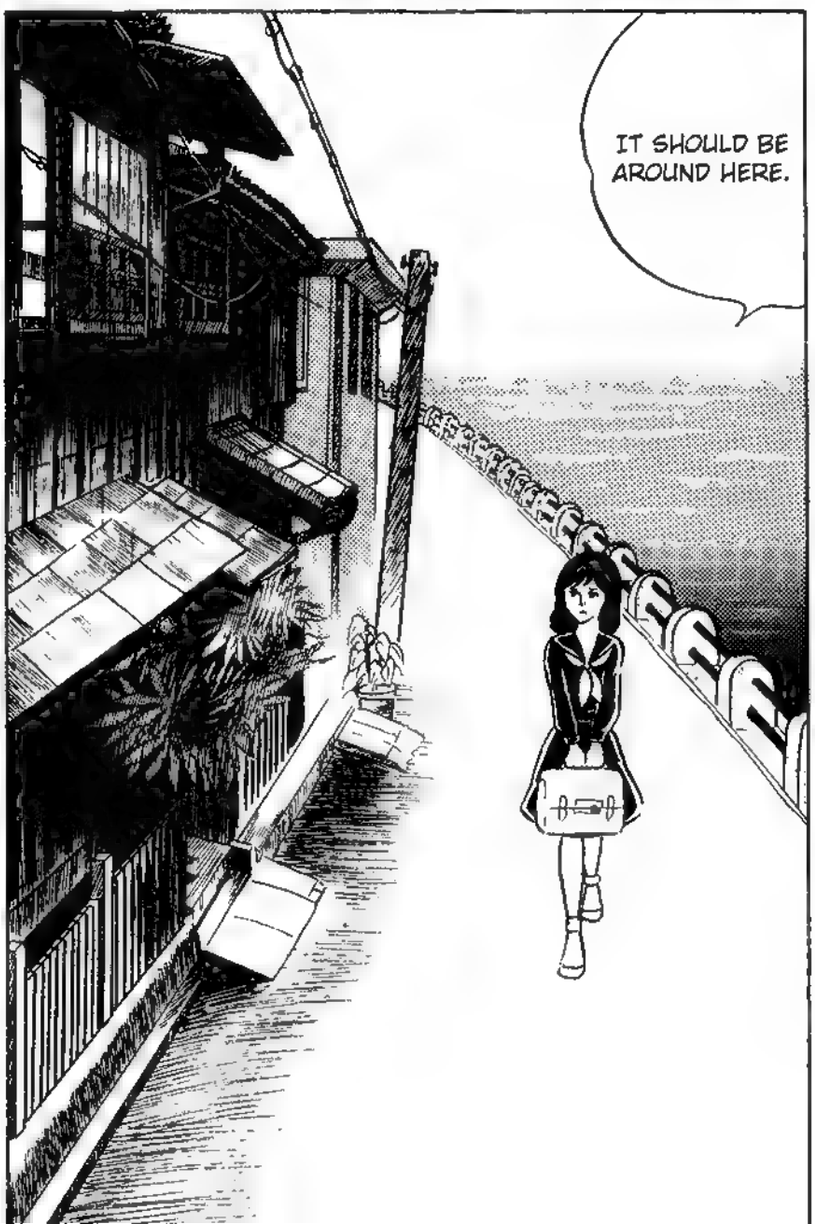
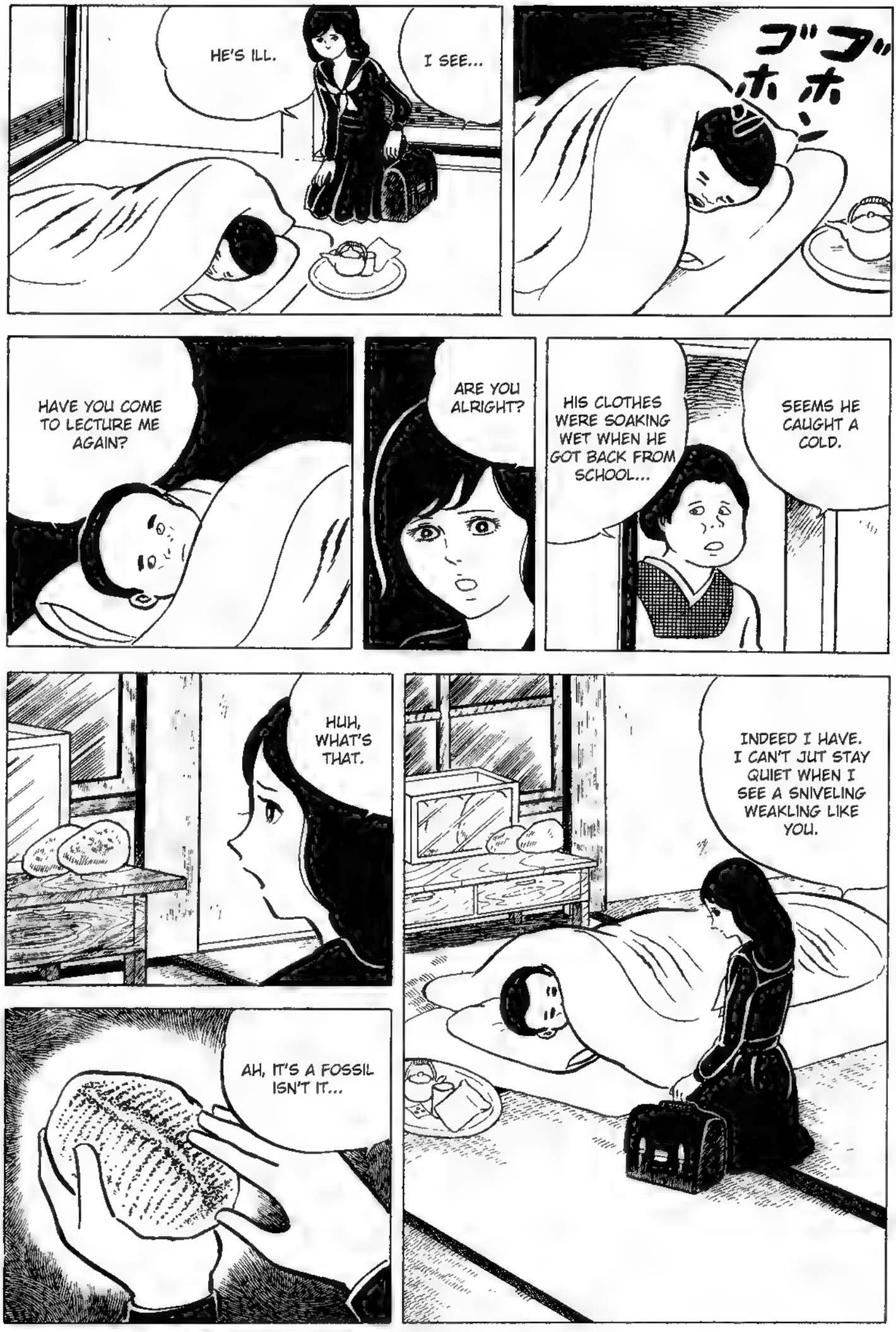

NAITOU-KUN WAS ABSENT THE FOLLOWING DAY...



EXCUSE ME, IS NAITOU-KUN IN?


HE'S ASLEEP, ON THE SECOND FLOOR.
AAH, YOU MUST BE A SCHOOL FRIEND OF HIS.


IT SHOULD BE AROUND HERE.


HE'S ILL.
I SEE...
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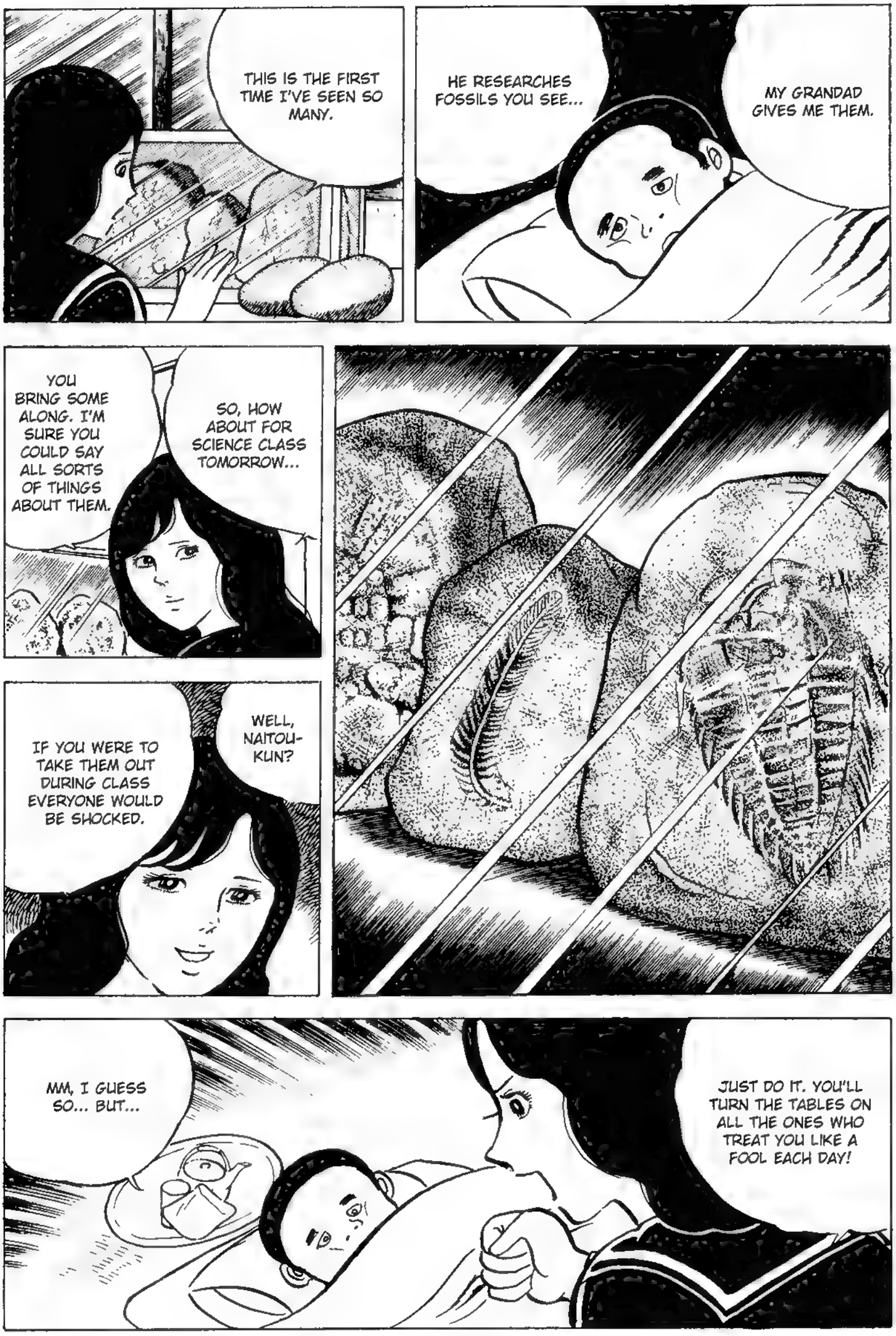
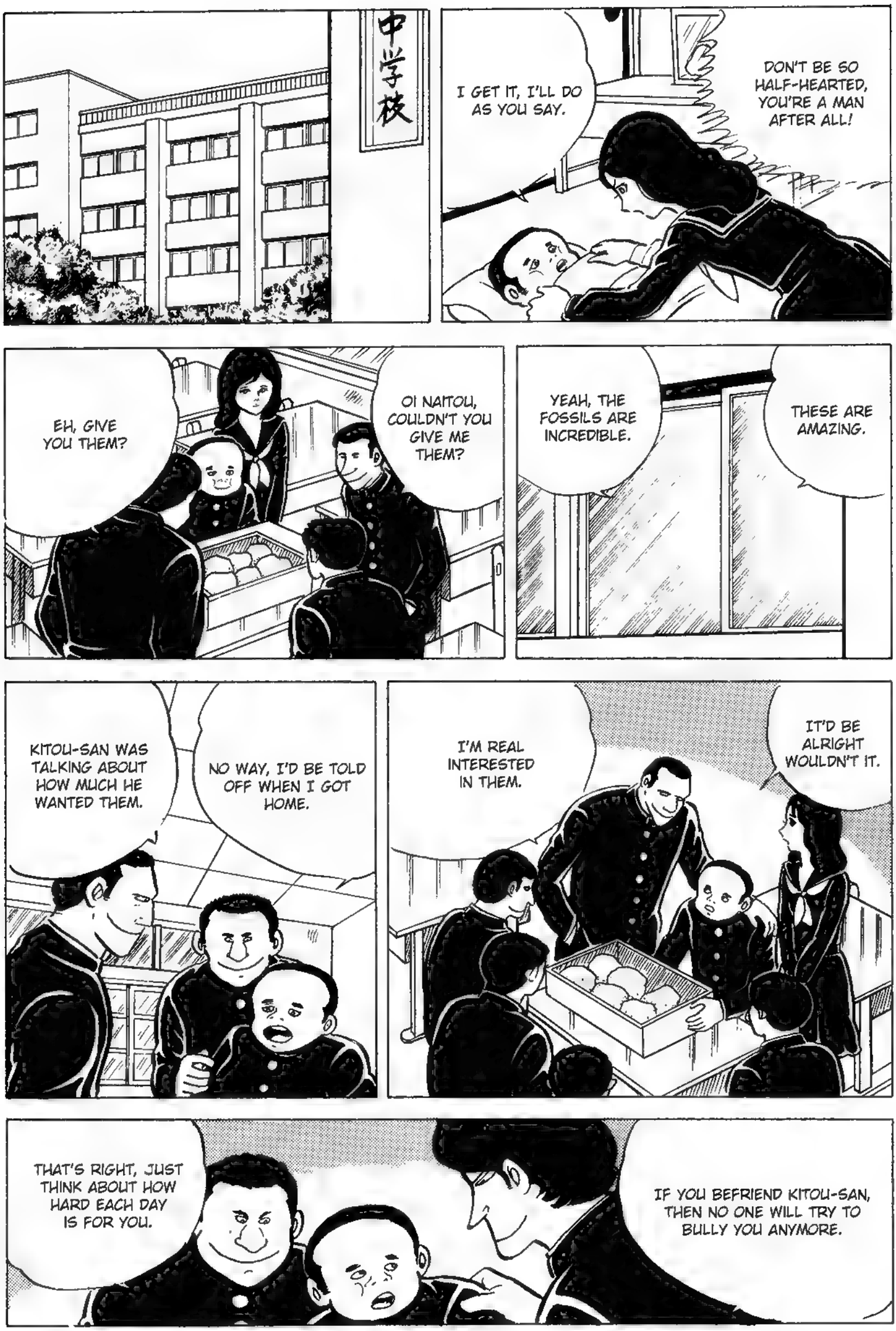
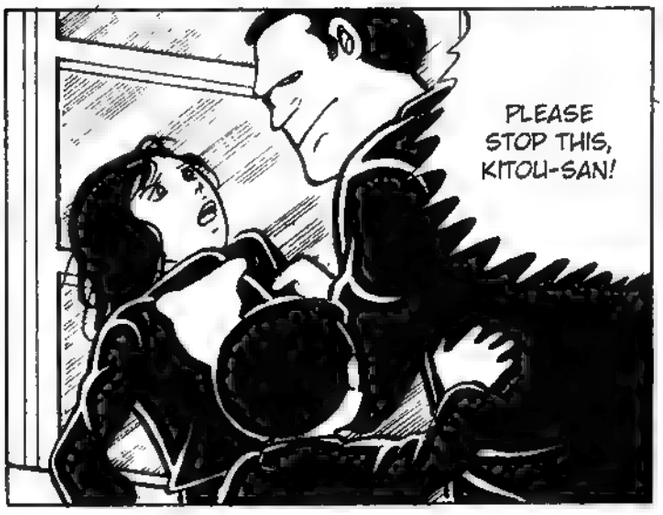
HAVE YOU COME TO LECTURE ME AGAIN?
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
HIS CLOTHES WERE SOAKING WET WHEN HE GOT BACK FROM SCHOOL...
SEEMS HE CAUGHT A COLD.
HUH, WHAT'S THAT.
AH, IT'S A FOSSIL ISN'T IT...
INDEED I HAVE. I CAN'T JUT STAY QUIET WHEN I SEE A SNIVELING WEAKLING LIKE YOU.


THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN SO MANY.
HE RESEARCHES FOSSILS YOU SEE...
MY GRANDAD GIVES ME THEM.
YOU BRING SOME ALONG. I'M SURE YOU COULD SAY ALL SORTS OF THINGS ABOUT THEM.
SO, HOW ABOUT FOR SCIENCE CLASS TOMORROW...
IF YOU WERE TO TAKE THEM OUT DURING CLASS EVERYONE WOULD BE SHOCKED.
WELL, NAITOU-KUN?
MM, I GUESS SO... BUT...
JUST DO IT. YOU'LL TURN THE TABLES ON ALL THE ONES WHO TREAT YOU LIKE A FOOL EACH DAY!


中学校
I GET IT, I'LL DO AS YOU SAY.
DON'T BE SO HALF-HEARTED, YOU'RE A MAN AFTER ALL!
EH, GIVE YOU THEM?
OI NAITOU, COULDN'T YOU GIVE ME THEM?
YEAH, THE FOSSILS ARE INCREDIBLE.
THESE ARE AMAZING.
KITOU-SAN WAS TALKING ABOUT HOW MUCH HE WANTED THEM.
NO WAY, I'D BE TOLD OFF WHEN I GOT HOME.
I'M REAL INTERESTED IN THEM.
IT'D BE ALRIGHT WOULDN'T IT.
THAT'S RIGHT, JUST THINK ABOUT HOW HARD EACH DAY IS FOR YOU.
IF YOU BEFRIEND KITOU-SAN, THEN NO ONE WILL TRY TO BULLY YOU ANYMORE.

STOP THAT!

WH... WHAT WAS THAT?!
EVEN IF HE GIVES YOU WHAT YOU WANT, YOU'LL STILL BULLY HIM!


PLEASE STOP THIS, KITOU-SAN!

YOU'RE JUST SOME TRANSFER STUDENT, THE HELL YOU BUTTING IN FOR!

THE SHORTY'S REASONABLE ENOUGH.
GAHAHAHAHA.

A... ALRIGHT, GO FOR IT.
WELL THEN, HOWS ABOUT GIVING ME THE FOSSILS.

KITOU-SAN'S TERRIBLE WHEN HE GETS WORKED UP AND STARTS THROWING HIS WEIGHT AROUND.
THAT'S WHY NO ONE STANDS UP TO HIM.
YOU MUSTN'T NAITOU-SAN!
BUT YOU'LL END UP IN A BAD SPOT OTHERWISE.
HEY, THAT ROCK'S ALL SPARKLY.
MM, THAT'S RIGHT.
THESE ARE REAL PRECIOUS AIN'T THEY KITOU-SAN.
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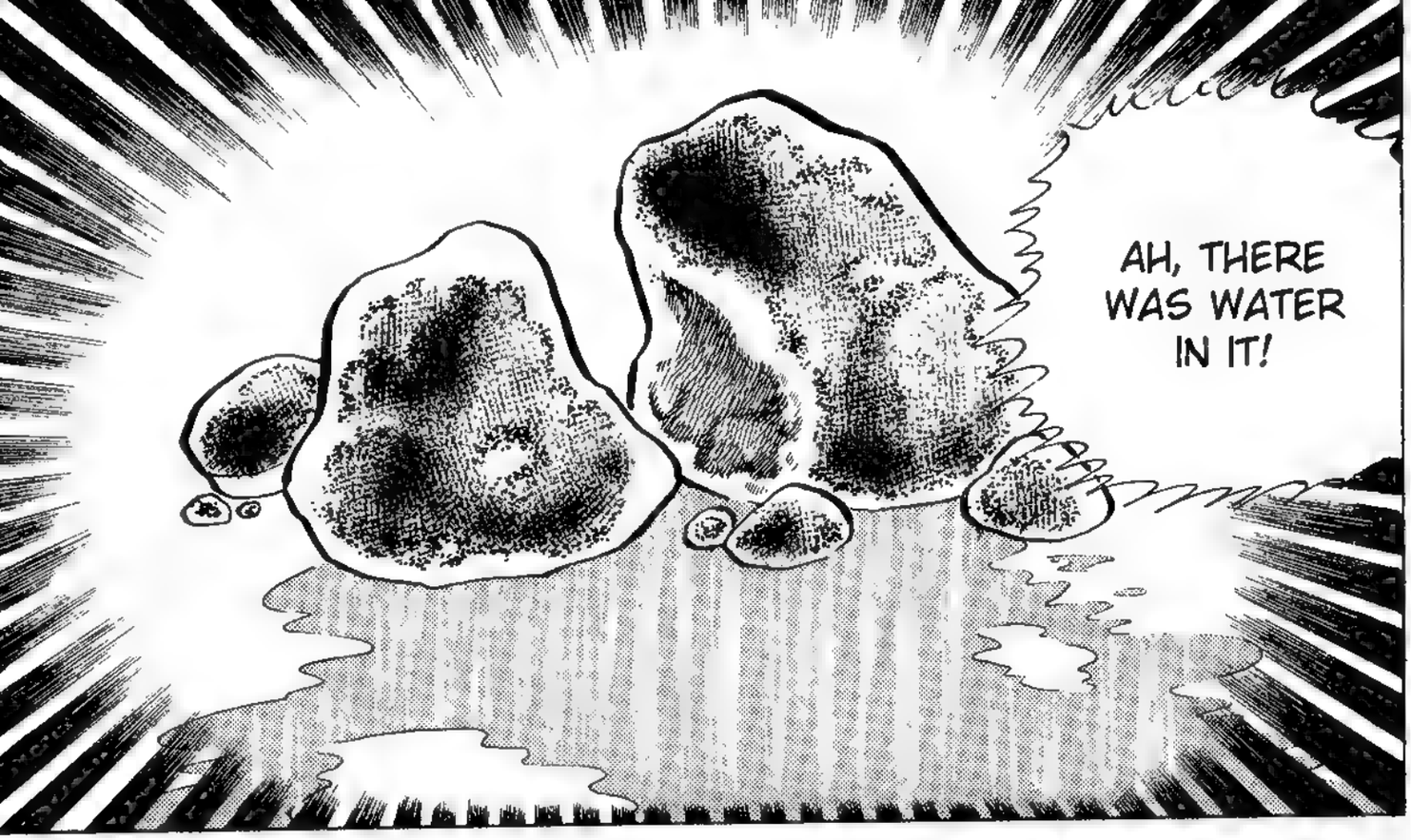
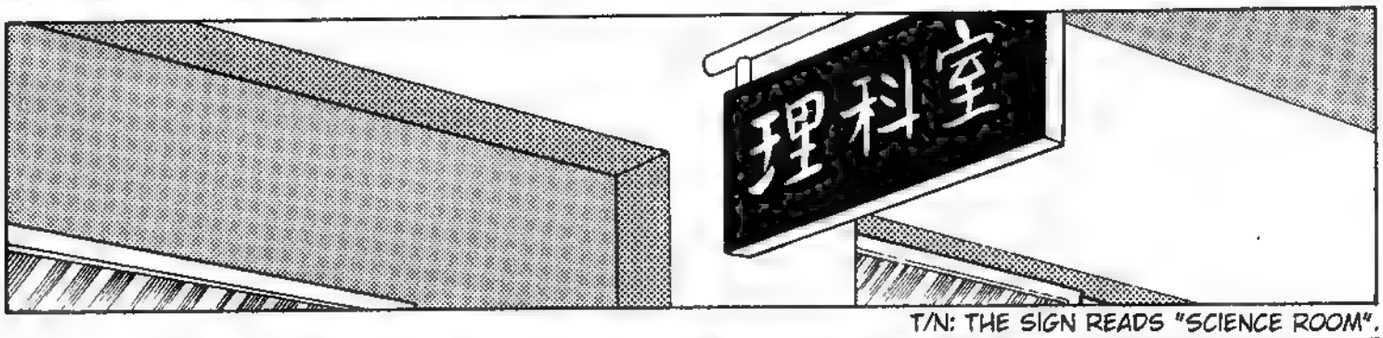
THAT'S NONSENSE, IT'S JUST A FOSSIL.
WHAT'S ALL THIS, MAYBE IT'S A DIAMOND.





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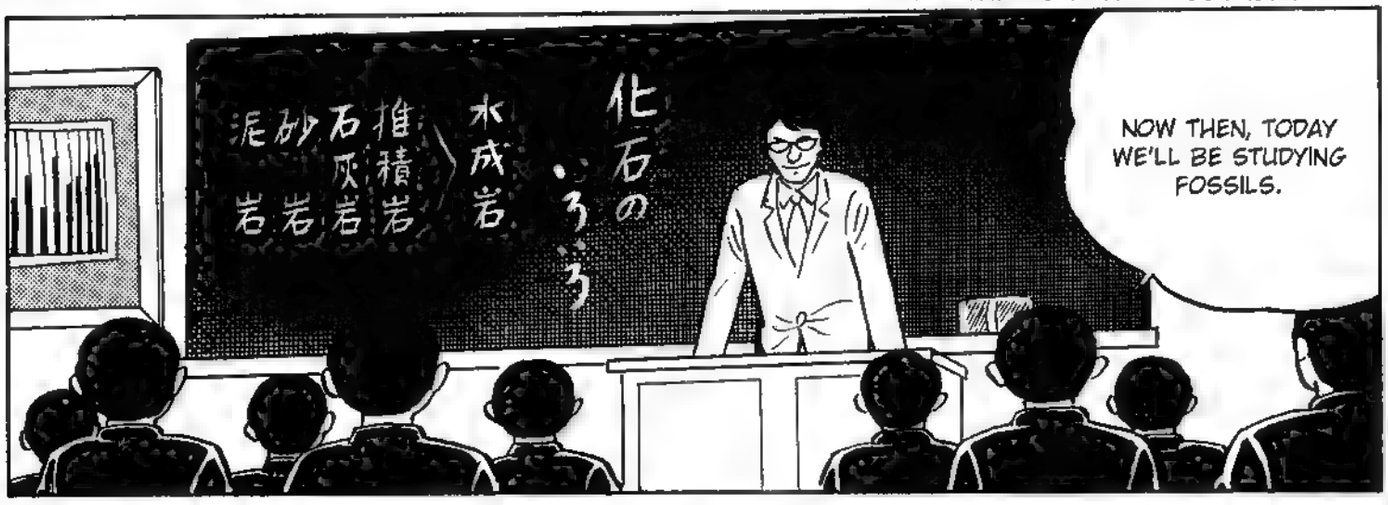

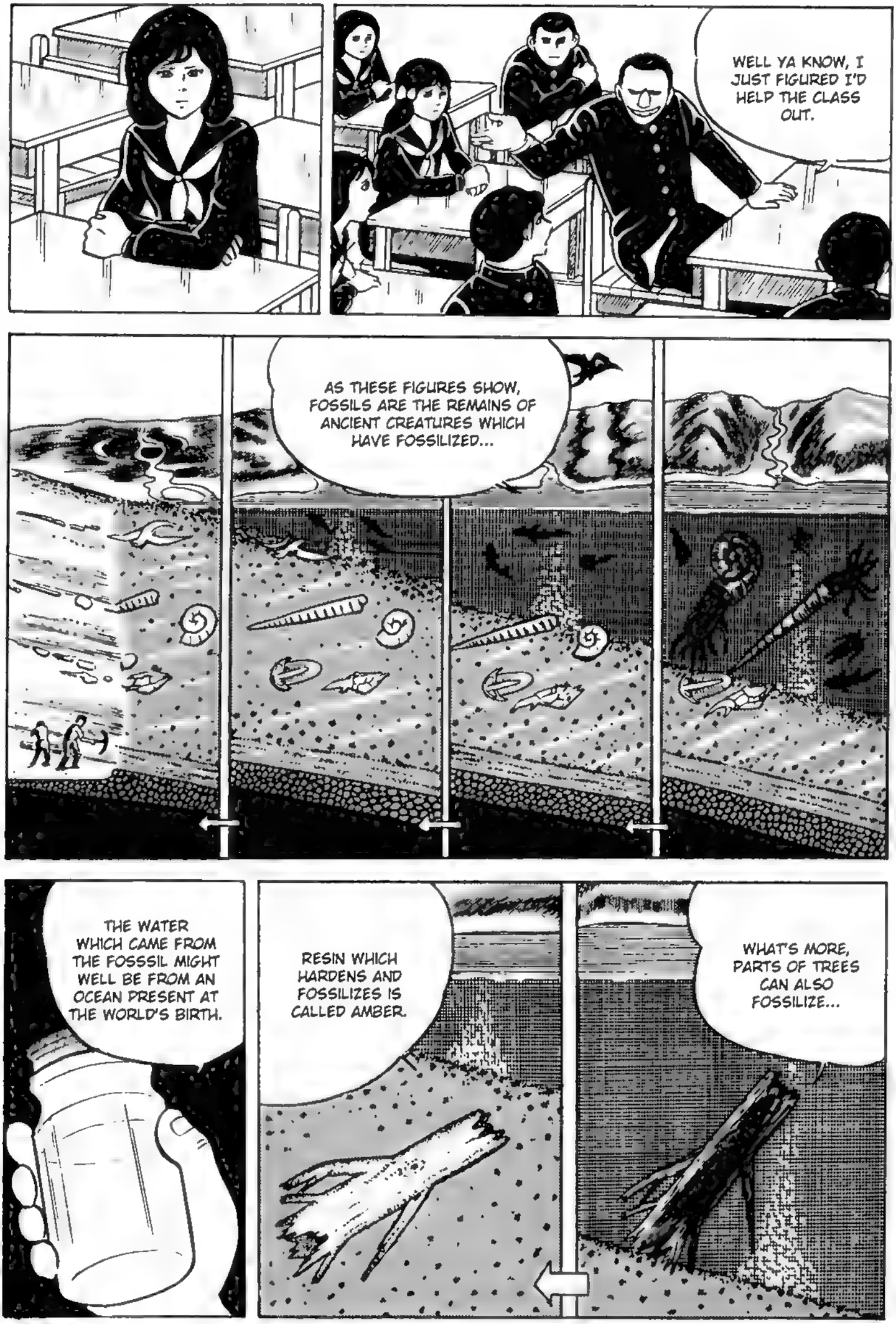
WELL YA KNOW, I JUST FIGURED I'D HELP THE CLASS OUT.
AS THESE FIGURES SHOW, FOSSILS ARE THE REMAINS OF ANCIENT CREATURES WHICH HAVE FOSSILIZED...
THE WATER WHICH CAME FROM THE FOSSSIL MIGHT WELL BE FROM AN OCEAN PRESENT AT THE WORLD'S BIRTH.
RESIN WHICH HARDENS AND FOSSILIZES IS CALLED AMBER.
WHAT'S MORE, PARTS OF TREES CAN ALSO FOSSILIZE...

WHO KNOW HOW MANY HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF YEARS IT WAS TRAPPED INSIDE FOR!
WOAH, AMAZING AIN'T IT!

THESE ARE MY PRECIOUS THINGS!
OI, DON'T TOUCH 'EM!

THAT'S INCREDIBLE. IT'S LIKE A REAL LIFE MIRACLE!
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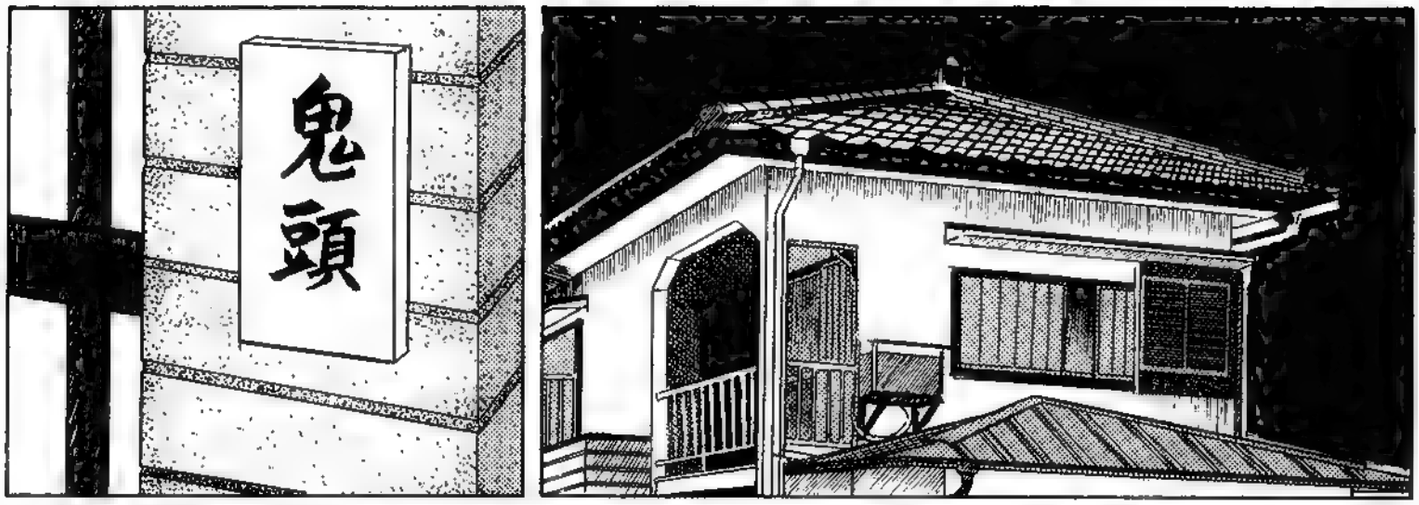
GAHAHA!



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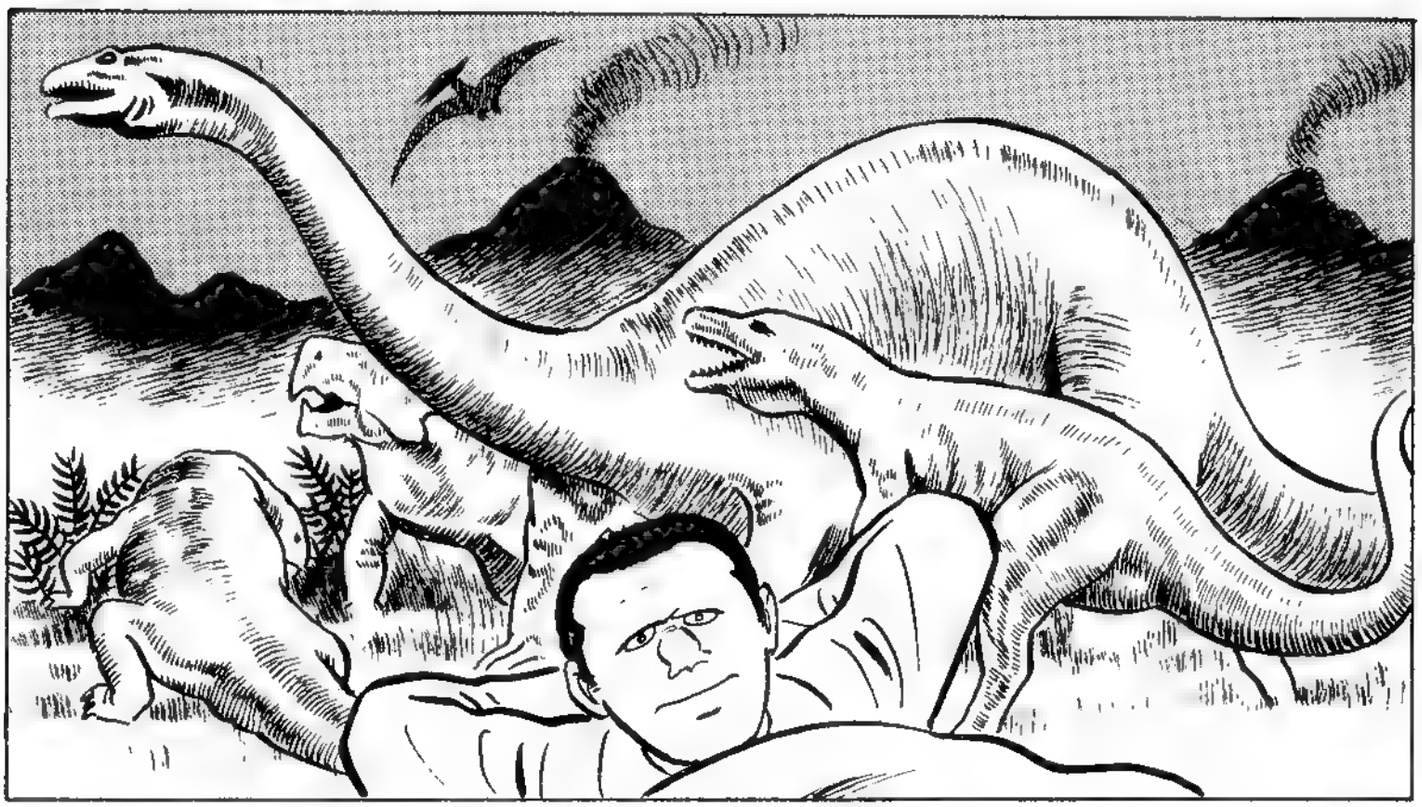

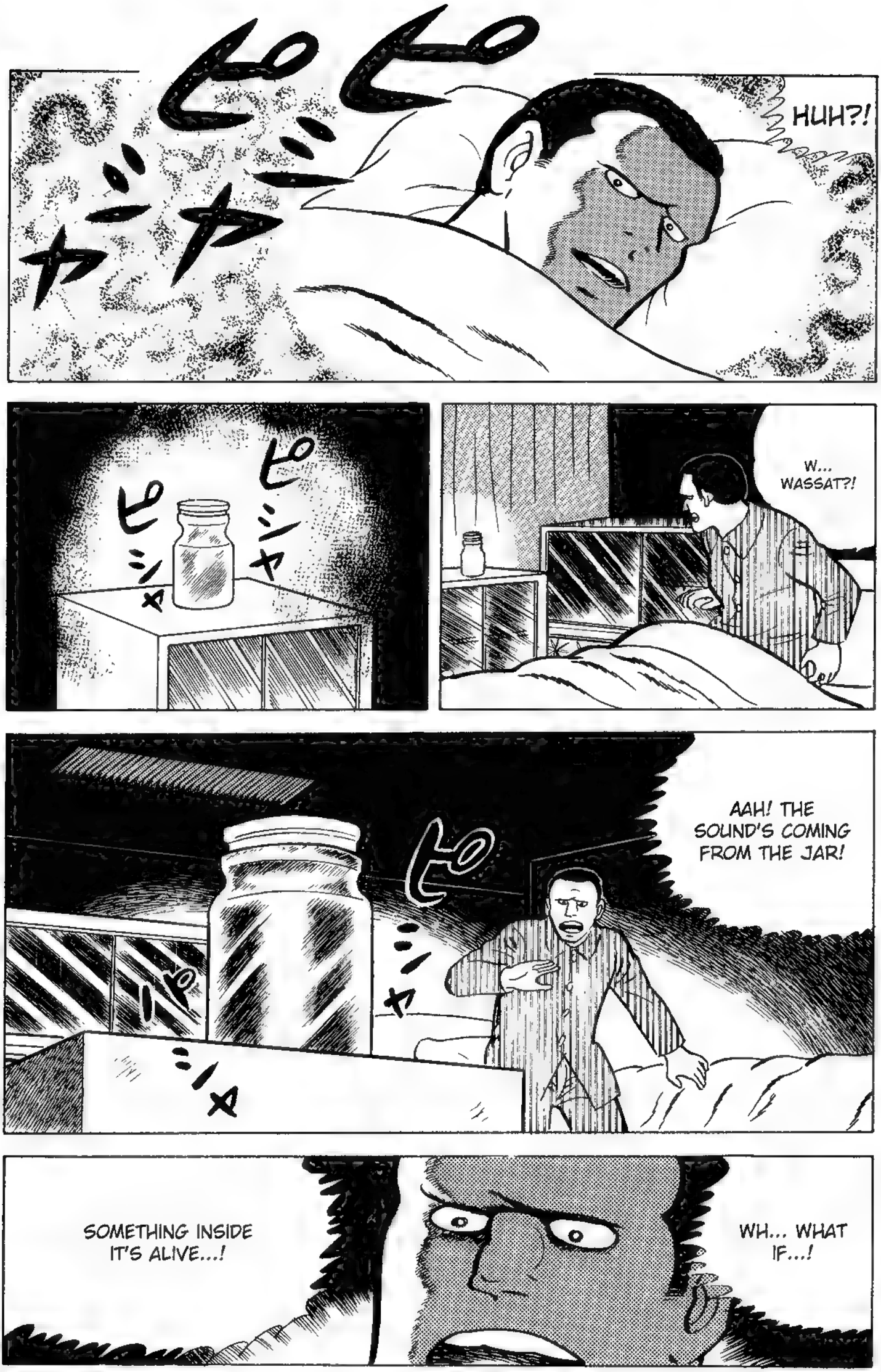
HUH?!
W... WASSAT?!
AAH! THE SOUND'S COMING FROM THE JAR!
SOMETHING INSIDE IT'S ALIVE...!
WH... WHAT IF...!

NO, THAT'S NONSENSE. IT'S JUST WATER!
I... I'LL JUST TAKE A LITTLE LOOK!
BUT IT'S ODD TO BE MAKING SOUNDS.
AH!
D... DAMN IT!

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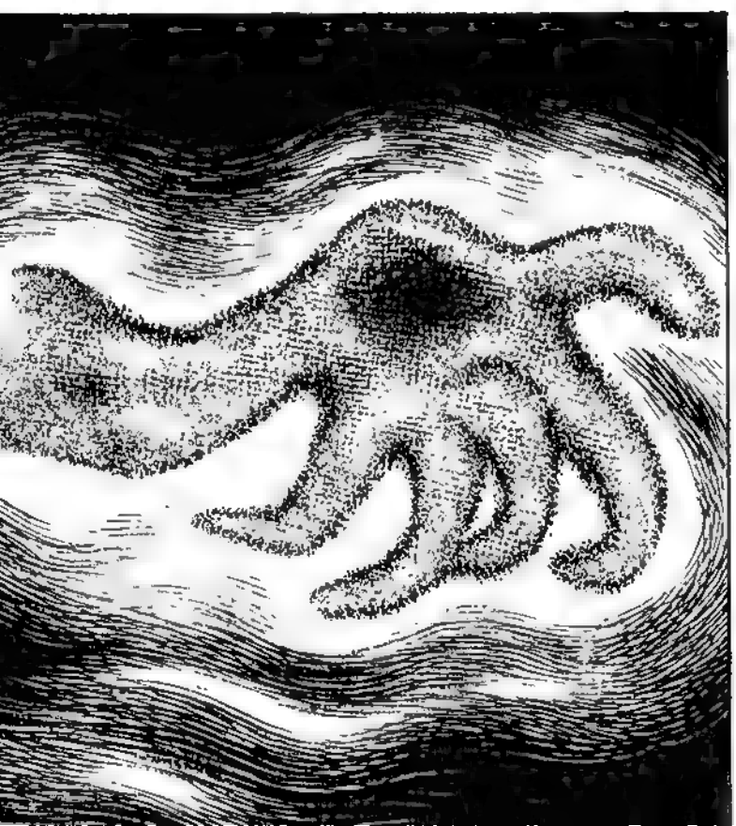

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TH... THE HELL'S THAT?!

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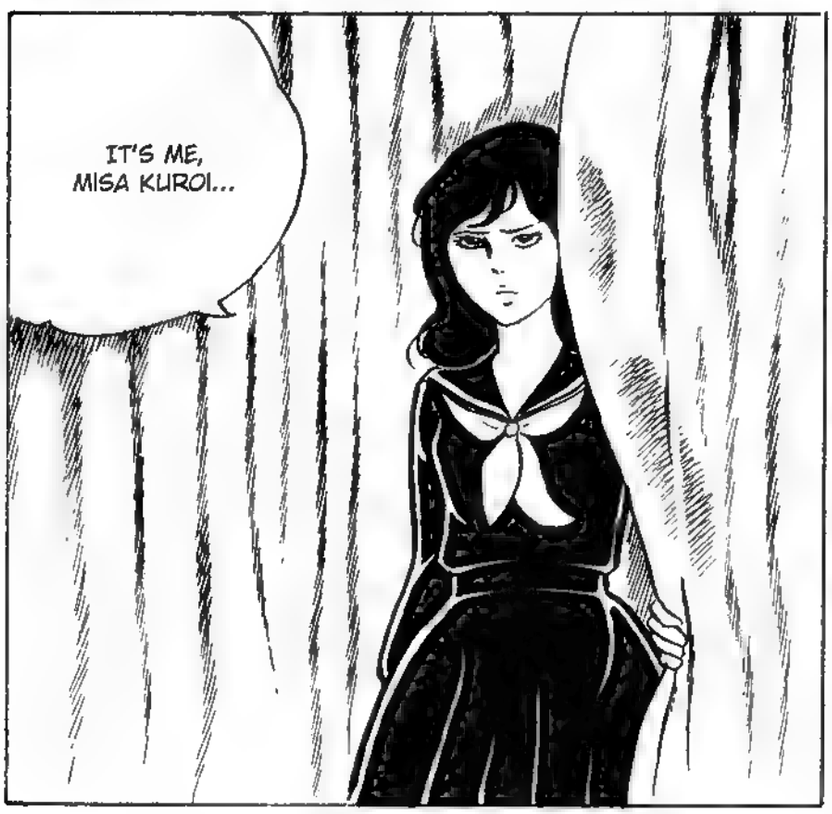
IT'S ME, MISA KUROI...

WH... WHO'S THERE?!

WH... WHAT?!
AND THAT, IS THE END OF MY ARM.
H... HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN THERE FOR?!
HERE'S YOUR REWARD FOR BULLYING THE WEAK...

EKO EKO ZAMERAK!
EKO EKO AZARAK!

MAGICAL MEDICINE

DON'T GO ACTING ALL COCKY JUST COS YOU CAN USE A SWORD A BIT.
YOU GOTTA BE REAL CONFIDENT TO TRY AND PICK A FIGHT WITH ME.
WH... WHAT WAS THAT?!
I BET YOU THINK WE'RE ONLY PLAYING AT SWORD FIGHTING.
YOU'RE ONLY A MIDDLE SCHOOLER...
DON'T YOU KNOW I CAN KILL WITH MY SWORD IN A FIGHT!

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HM!
OI!
YOU WERE ALL BARK BUT NO BITE!
NOW, GET UP!
H... HE'S DEAD!

H... HOW COULD I KILL SOMEONE!
WAAAAH!
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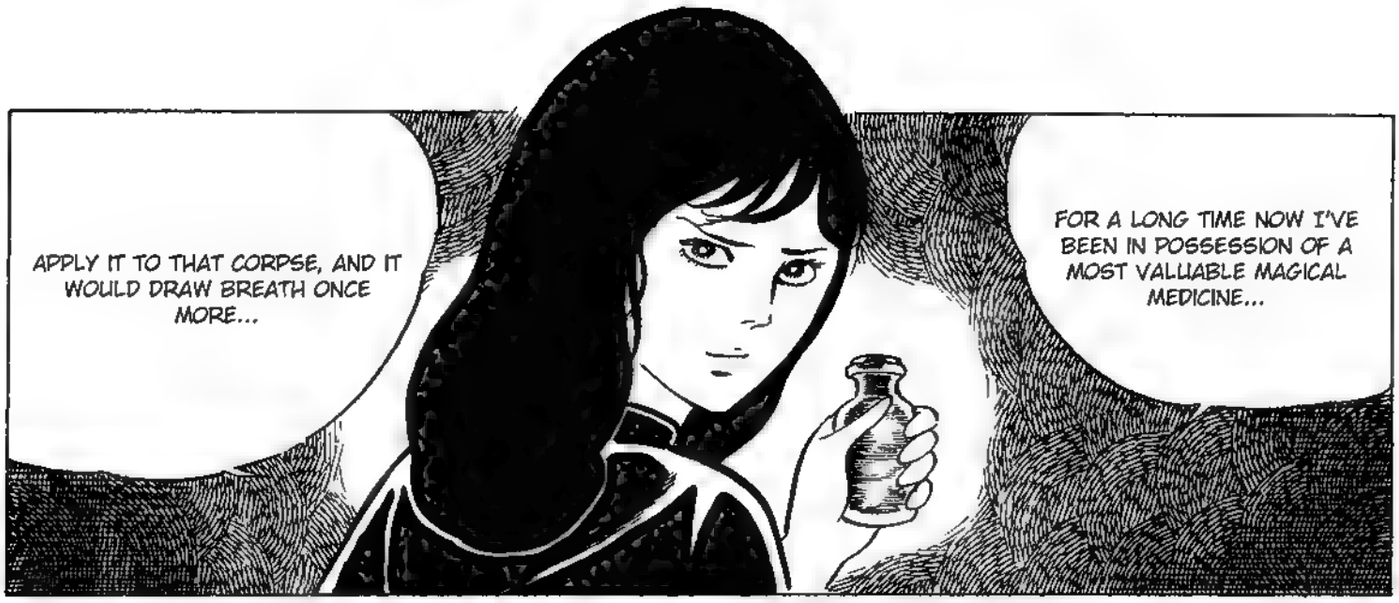
HUH?!
NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU CRY, YOU CANNOT TAKE THINGS BACK.
UUUUUH!
MY NAME IS MISA KUROI.
WH... WHO'RE YOU?!
MISA KUROI?!

LONG AGO, IT SEEMS AS THOUGH YOU WERE SERIOUS IN YOUR STUDIES, NO?
WH... WHAT'RE YOU SAYING ABOUT ME?
THOSE LIKE YOU WHO LOVE FIGHTING WILL INEVITABLY END UP WITH THIS SORT OF DESTRUCTION...
SHUT UP, BE QUIET!
YOU TURNED DELINQUENT, STOPPED GOING TO SCHOOL, AND HUNG OUT WITH OTHER THUGS DIDN'T YOU!
HMPH, HAVE YOU COME TO TRY AND LECTURE ME?
YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO MEND THINGS ONCE MORE.
GO AND REFLECT ON THIS.
UUUUUUH... I KILLED SOMEONE.


APPLY IT TO THAT CORPSE, AND IT WOULD DRAW BREATH ONCE MORE...
FOR A LONG TIME NOW I'VE BEEN IN POSSESSION OF A MOST VALUABLE MAGICAL MEDICINE...

WH... WHAT WAS THAT?!

YET FROM HERE ON, YOU ABSOLUTELY MUST CHANGE YOUR WAYS, UNDERSTOOD?
I CAN GRANT YOU THAT MAGNIFICENT MAGICAL POWER.

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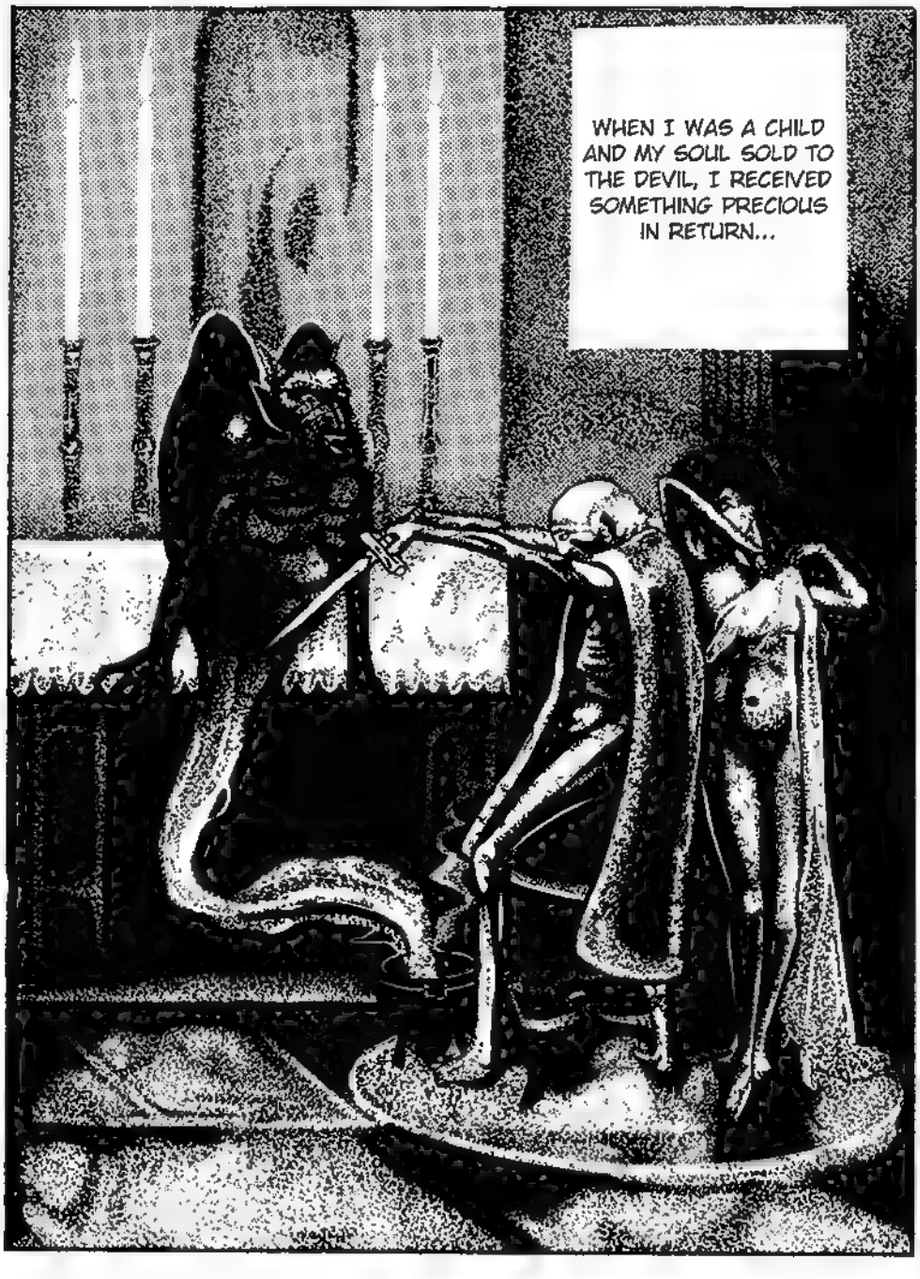
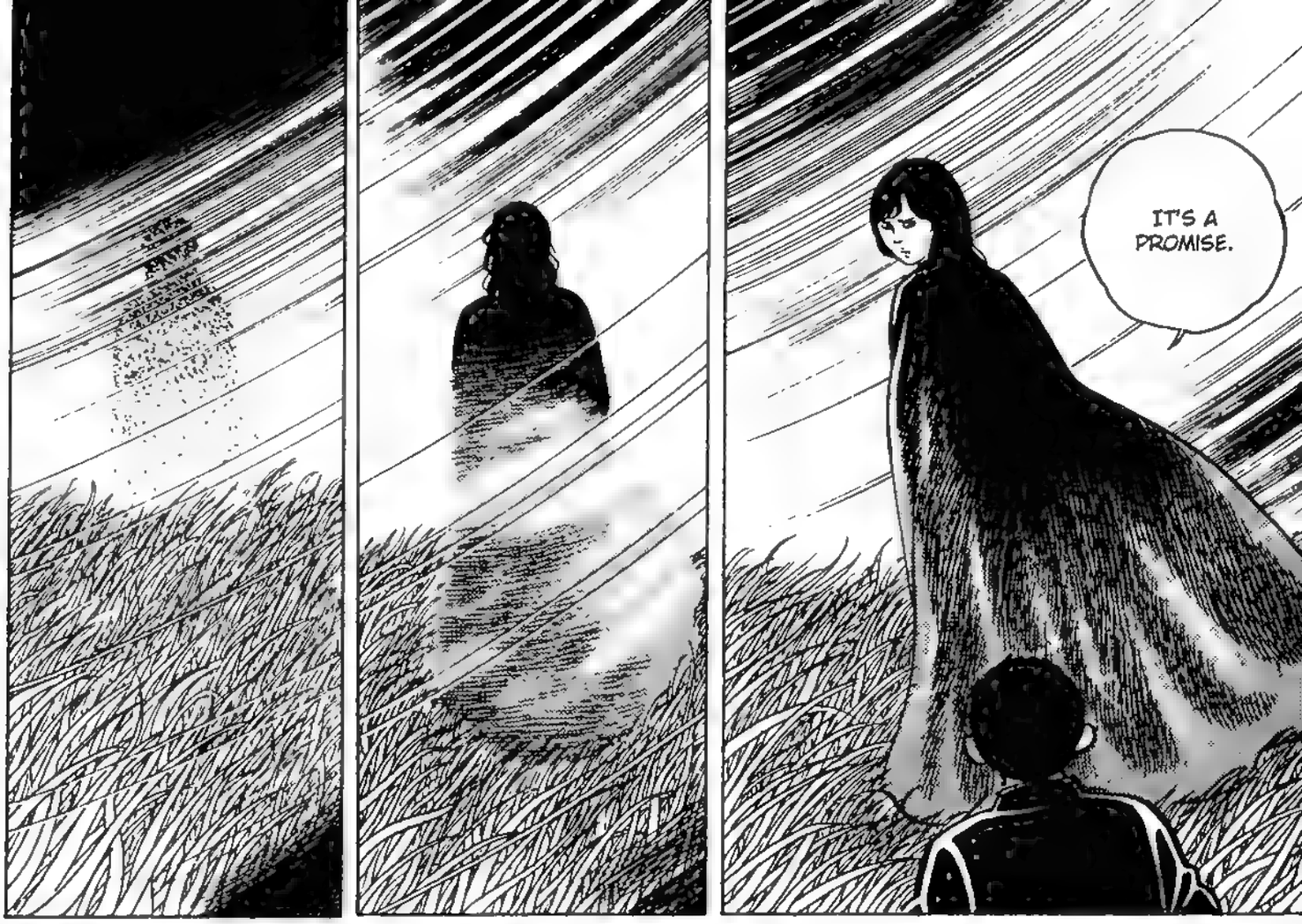
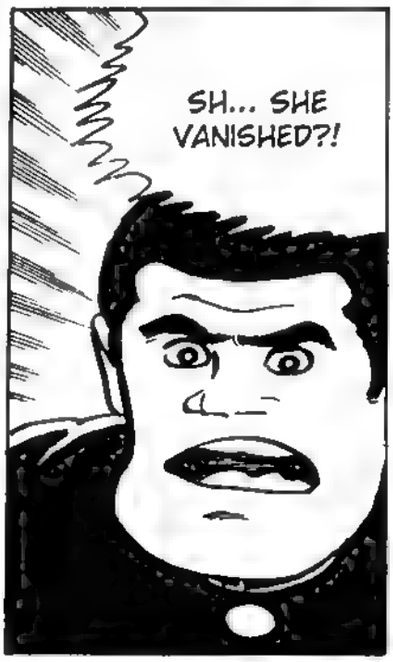

WHEN I WAS A CHILD AND MY SOUL SOLD TO THE DEVIL, I RECEIVED SOMETHING PRECIOUS IN RETURN...


IT'S A PROMISE.

YET THIS IS MEANT TO BE MAGICAL MEDICINE, WHICH CAN REVIVE THE DEAD...?

COULD THAT HAVE BEEN A PHANTOM I SAW?


SH... SHE VANISHED?!

A BIRD'S CORPSE.

OH?

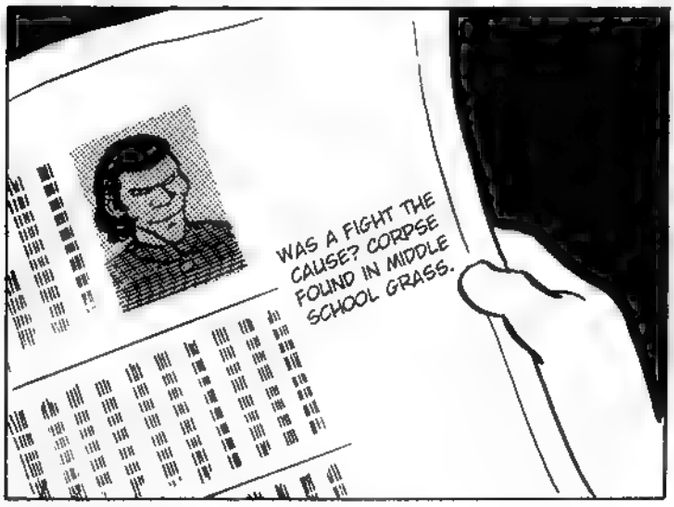
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO BELIEVE BUT...

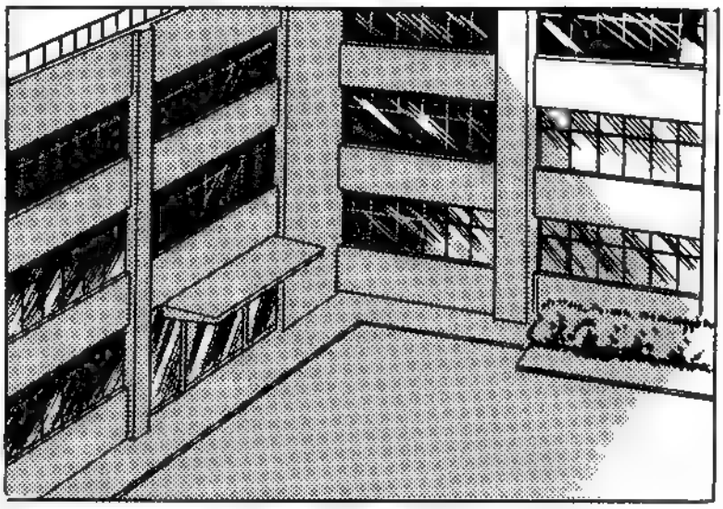
AH!
IT... IT RETURNED TO LIFE...

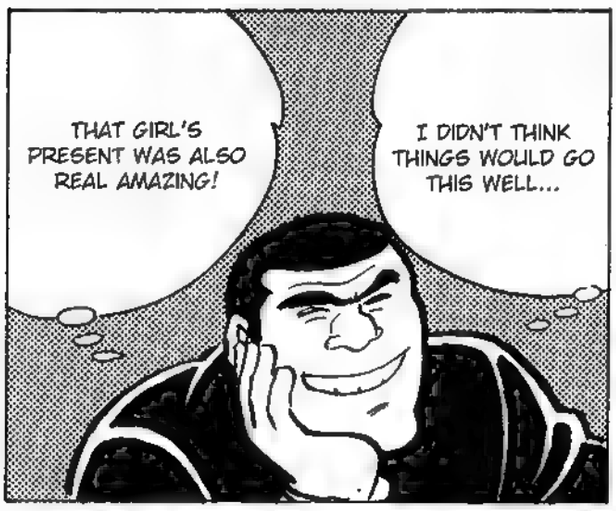
THIS IS AMAZING!
UHYAAAAAH!
WHAT FRIGHTFUL POWER!
WAIT...
I CAN BE INVINCIBLE!
WITH THIS ALONE...
I'M NOT GONNA USE ANY OF THIS ALL IMPORTANT MEDICINE ON HIM.
UFUFUFU...

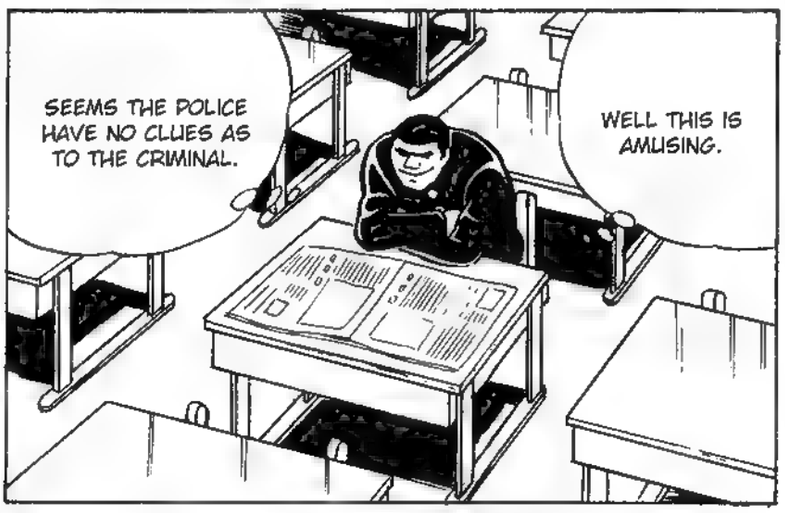
AHAHAHAHA!

I'LL BE INVINCIBLE!


WAS A FIGHT THE CAUSE? CORPSE FOUND IN MIDDLE SCHOOL GRASS.




THAT GIRL'S PRESENT WAS ALSO REAL AMAZING!
I DIDN'T THINK THINGS WOULD GO THIS WELL...


SEEMS THE POLICE HAVE NO CLUES AS TO THE CRIMINAL.
WELL THIS IS AMUSING.

GAHAHAHAHA!

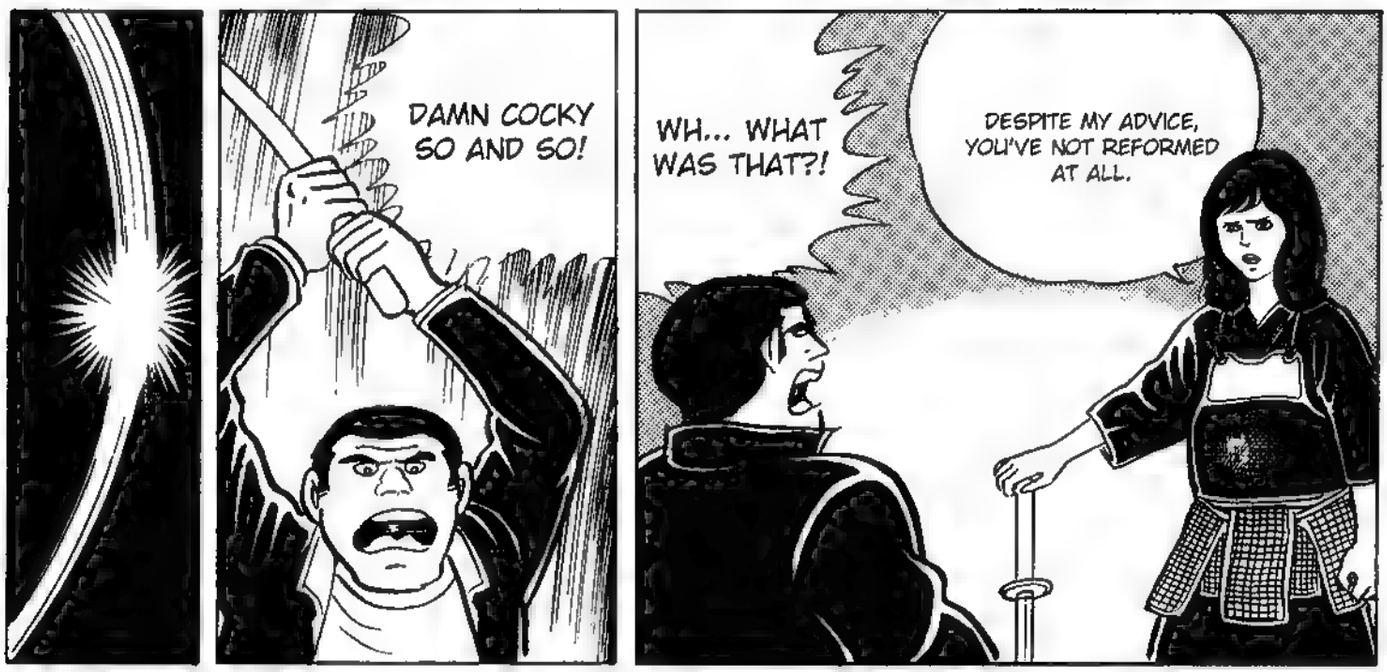
YOU THAT SCARED OF ME?
OI YOU LOT, WHAT'S THE MATTER. WHY'RE YOU HANGING AROUND IN THAT CORNER.

FIGHT!
FIGHT!
HE'S SO CONCEITED, JUST COS HE'S STRONG AT FIGHTING.
ISHIDA-KUN'S GOTTEN MORE AND MORE VIOLENT RECENTLY...
ALL YOU DID WAS FIGHT, YOU NEVER CAME TO PRACTICE.
ISHIDA, YOU WERE THE ONE WHO BROUGHT SHAME TO THE KENDO CLUB.
AS EVER YOU LOT ARE THERE, ALL BENT OVER GOING AT IT.
FUFUFU...
IF YOU'VE SOME COMPLAINTS, WHY NOT PUNISH ME.
WH... WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
THAT'S RIGHT. IF I STRIKE YOU IT'LL SLICE YOUR THROAT UP.
UH, A WOODEN SWORD!
HOW ABOUT IT, ALL OF YOU VS. ME.

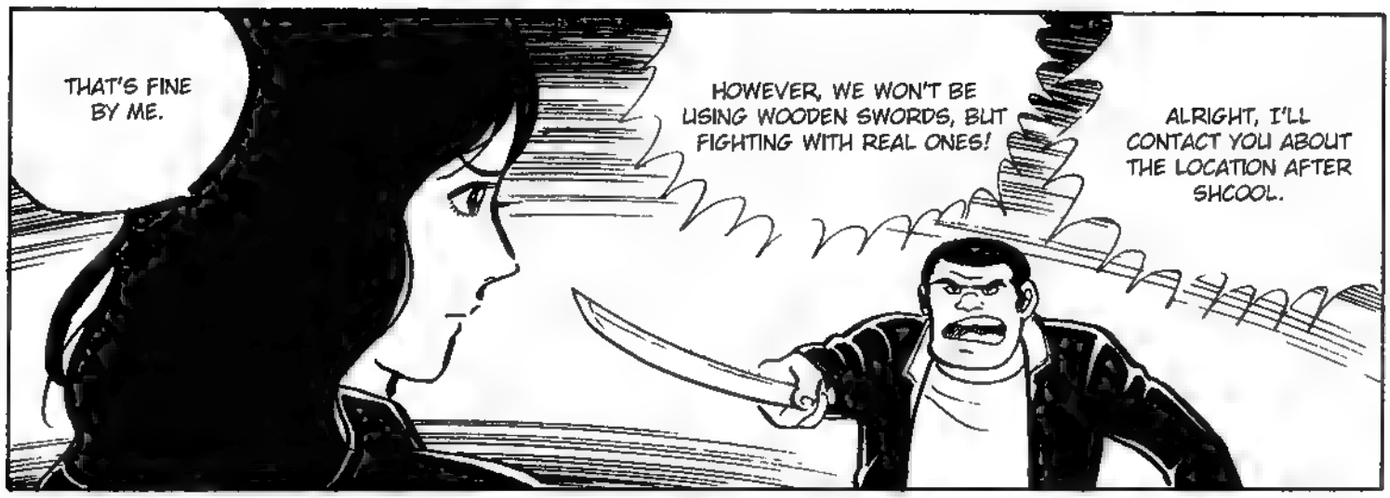
AIN'T YOU THE HEAD, WHAT'RE YOU SHAKING FOR?
WAIT, THERE IS ONE HERE WHO WILL.
GAHA-HAHA!
I GUESS NONE OF YOU HAVE THE COURAGE TO FIGHT ME.
GET RID OF ALL THAT DEFENSIVE STUFF!
Y.... YOU SURE ARE CHEEKY!
I'LL METE OUT YOUR PUNISHMENT.
IF THAT'S WHAT YOU DESIRE.
HOW AMUSING.
IF WE'RE GONNA GO AT IT, YOU'D BEST BE PREPARED TO DIE!

IT'S BEEN A WHILE, ISHIDA-KUN...

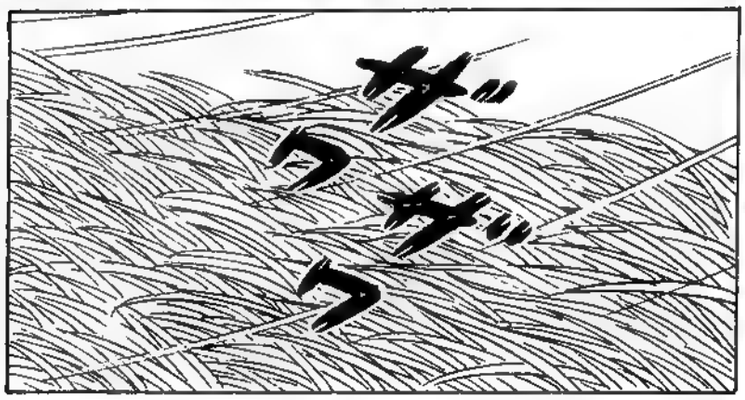
YOU'RE MISA KUROI!
AAH!

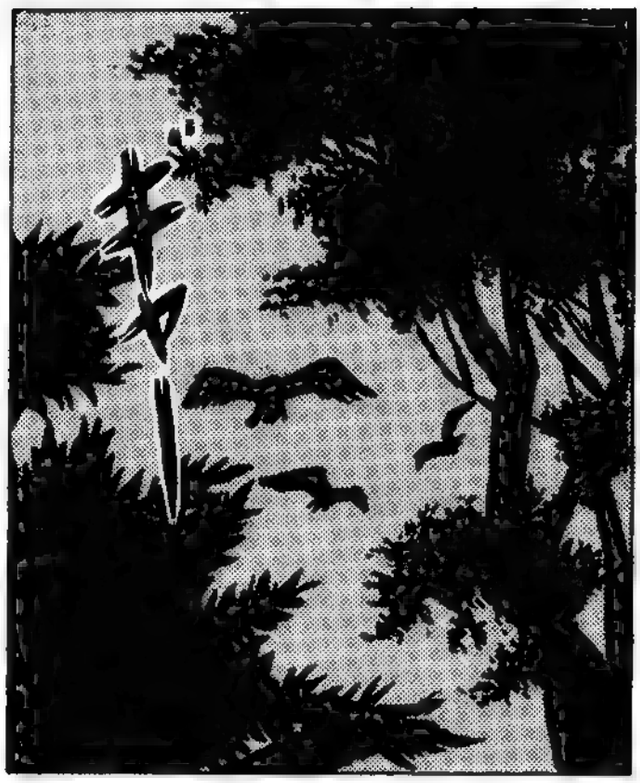

DAMN COCKY SO AND SO!
WH... WHAT WAS THAT?!
DESPITE MY ADVICE, YOU'VE NOT REFORMED AT ALL.

WE'RE IN THE SCHOOL, UNDERSTAND, WE CAN'T GO CAUSING ISSUES FOR THE OTHERS.
DON'T GET FLUSTERED NOW!
UH!


THAT'S FINE BY ME.
HOWEVER, WE WON'T BE USING WOODEN SWORDS, BUT FIGHTING WITH REAL ONES!
ALRIGHT, I'LL CONTACT YOU ABOUT THE LOCATION AFTER SHCOOL.

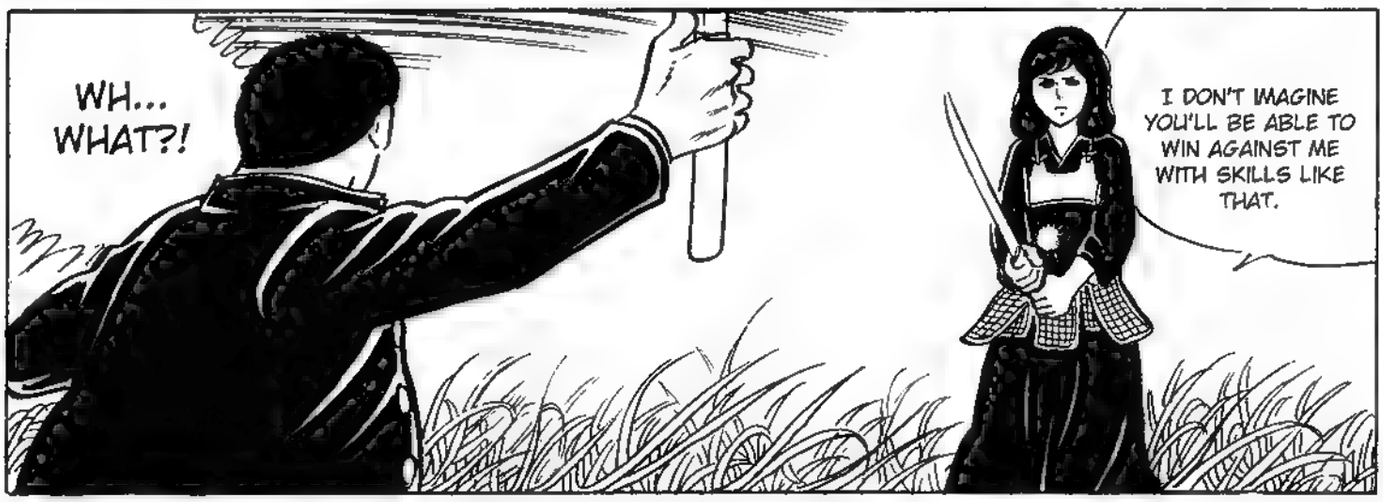
TH... THEY'LL BE FIGHTING WITH REAL SWORDS!

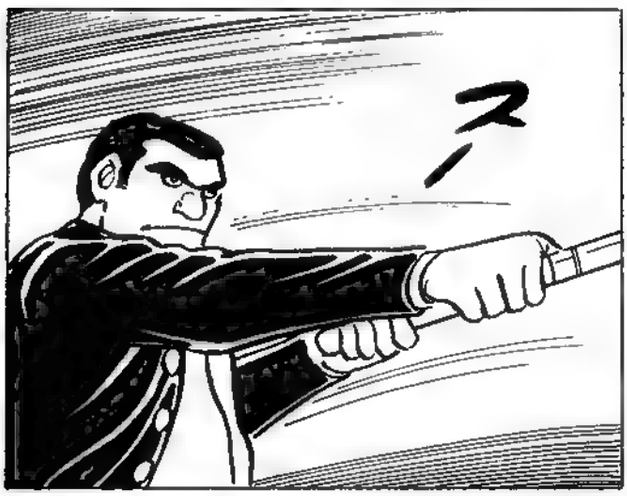




HMPH,. YOU'RE STILL JUST A KID.
TAKE THIIIS!

HM!


WH... WHAT?!
I DON'T IMAGINE YOU'LL BE ABLE TO WIN AGAINST ME WITH SKILLS LIKE THAT.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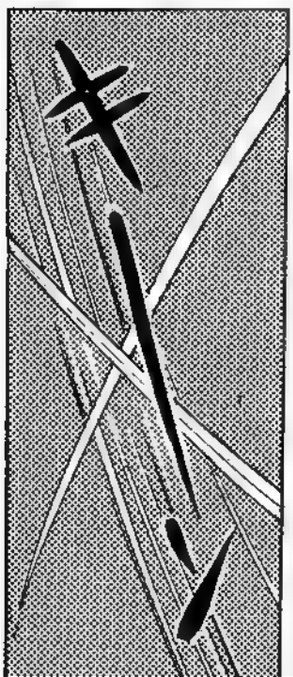
HERE I COME!



SEE, OVER THERE.

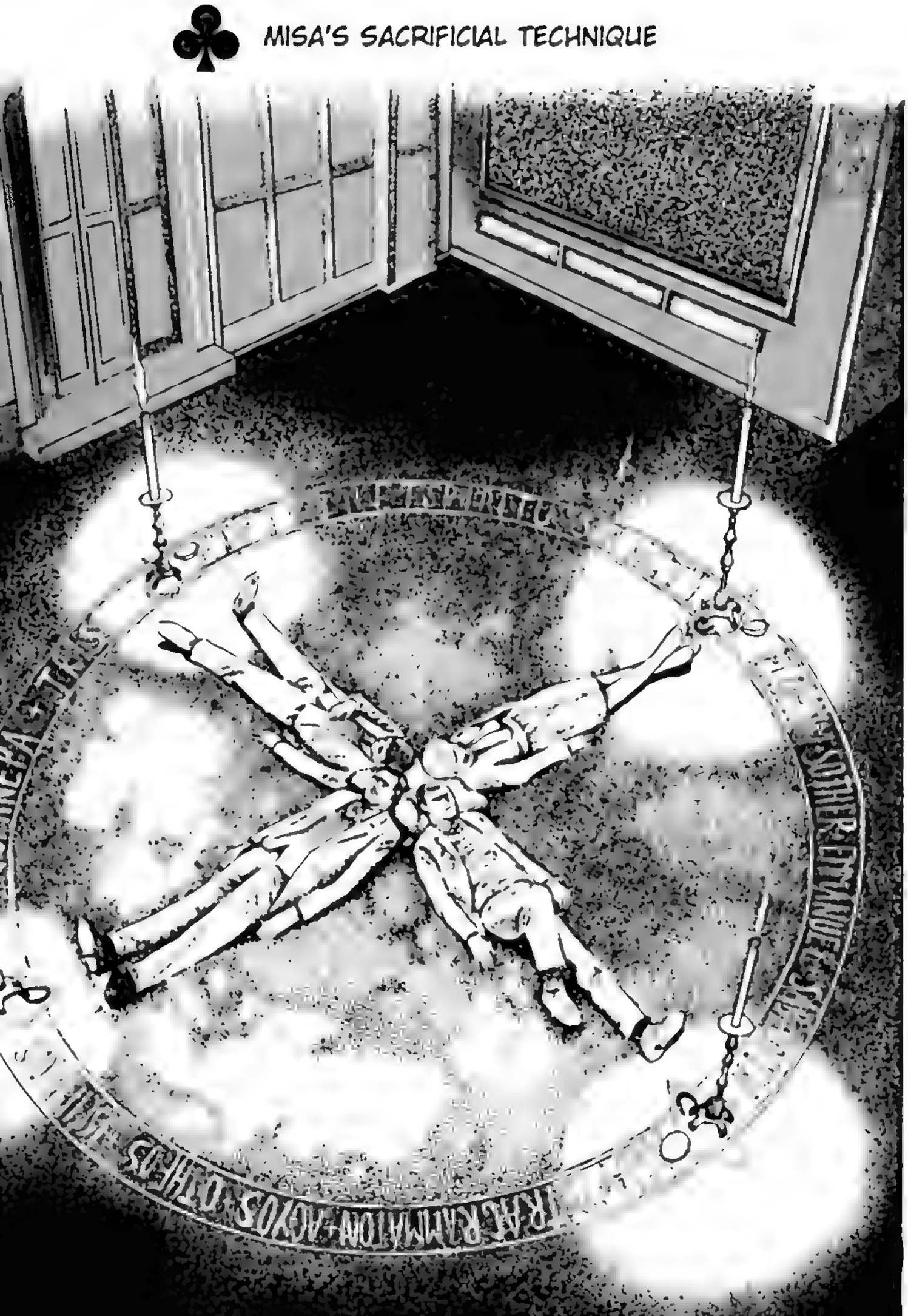
DEAR, THERE'S SOMEONE FAINTED OUT THERE.

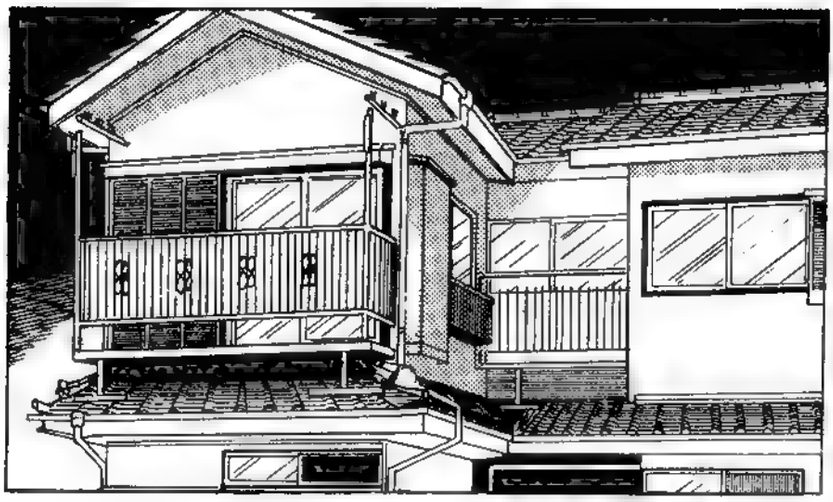
WHAT WAS WITH THAT SCREAM JUST NOW.

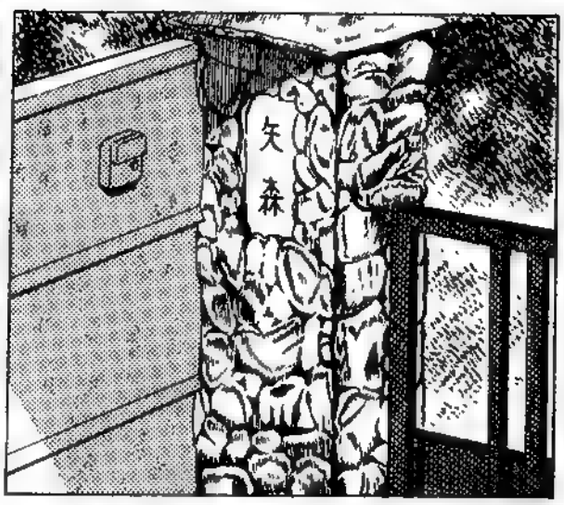
EH?
THAT BOY'S GRAVELY WOUNDED, SIR. YOU SHOULD HELP.

EH?
PLEASE, POUR THIS ONTO MY BODY.
UUUUUH...
WHAT A HORRIFIC WOUND, I THINK HE'S BEYOND SAVING.
UUH...
O... OI, PULL IT TOGETHER!
HEEH...?
A MYSTERIOUS FORCE, IT'LL BRING ME BACK TO LIFE... PLEASE...
E... EVEN IF I'M DEAD, THAT'S MEDICINE WITH...
PERHAPS THIS MEDICINE REALLY DOES HAVE THE POWER HE SPOKE OF.
BUT DEAR.
HE WAS SO YOUNG, LORD HAVE MERCY, LORD HAVE MERCY.
HE'S DEAD...

IT REALLY IS A WONDEROUS MEDICINE!
WHAT WAS THAT, THE MEDICINE MADE HIS ARM TWITCH!
AAAH!
WE'VE NOT LONG LEFT, WE SHOULD REALLY COVET IT.
HEY, DEAR, THIS IS TRULY A GRAVE THING WE'VE GOTTEN.
IT'S FINE, THE GIRL FROM BEFORE'S GONE TOO.
I... I DON'T THINK ANYONE SAW US.
EKO EKO AZARAK!
EKO EKO ZAMERAK!


MISA'S SACRIFICIAL TECHNIQUE

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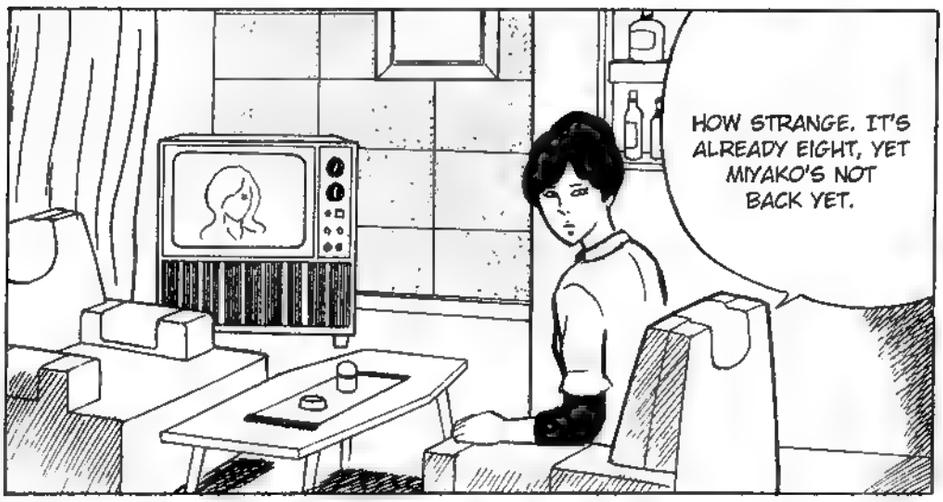
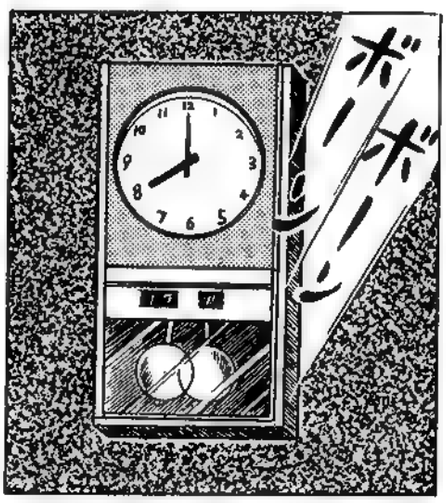

HOW STRANGE. IT'S ALREADY EIGHT, YET MIYAKO'S NOT BACK YET.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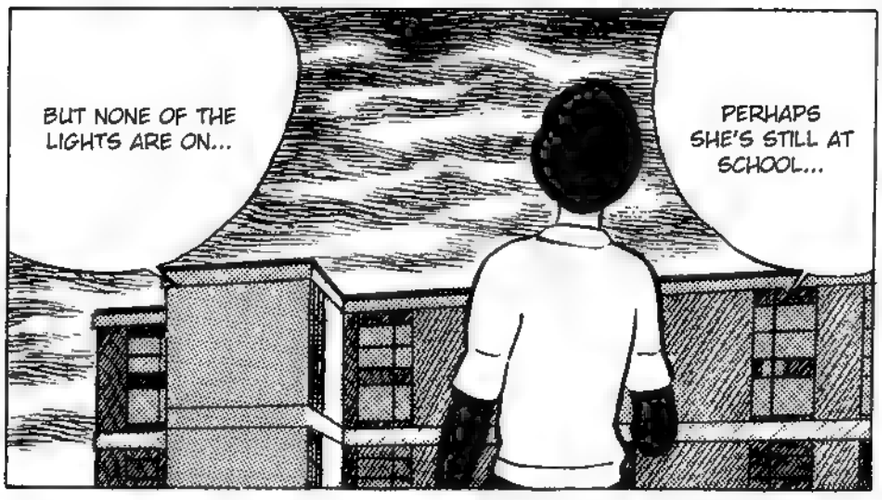
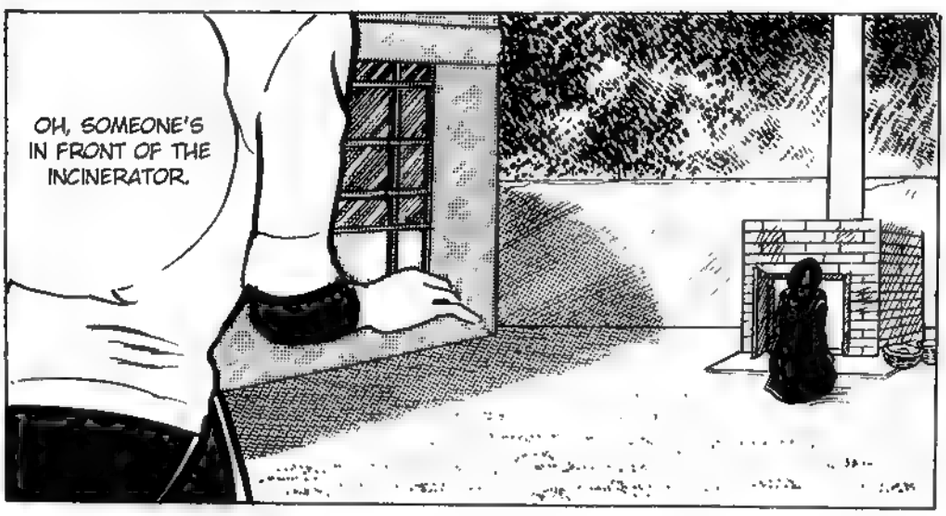

BUT NONE OF THE LIGHTS ARE ON...
PERHAPS SHE'S STILL AT SCHOOL...

ERM, EXCUSE ME...


OH, SOMEONE'S IN FRONT OF THE INCINERATOR.

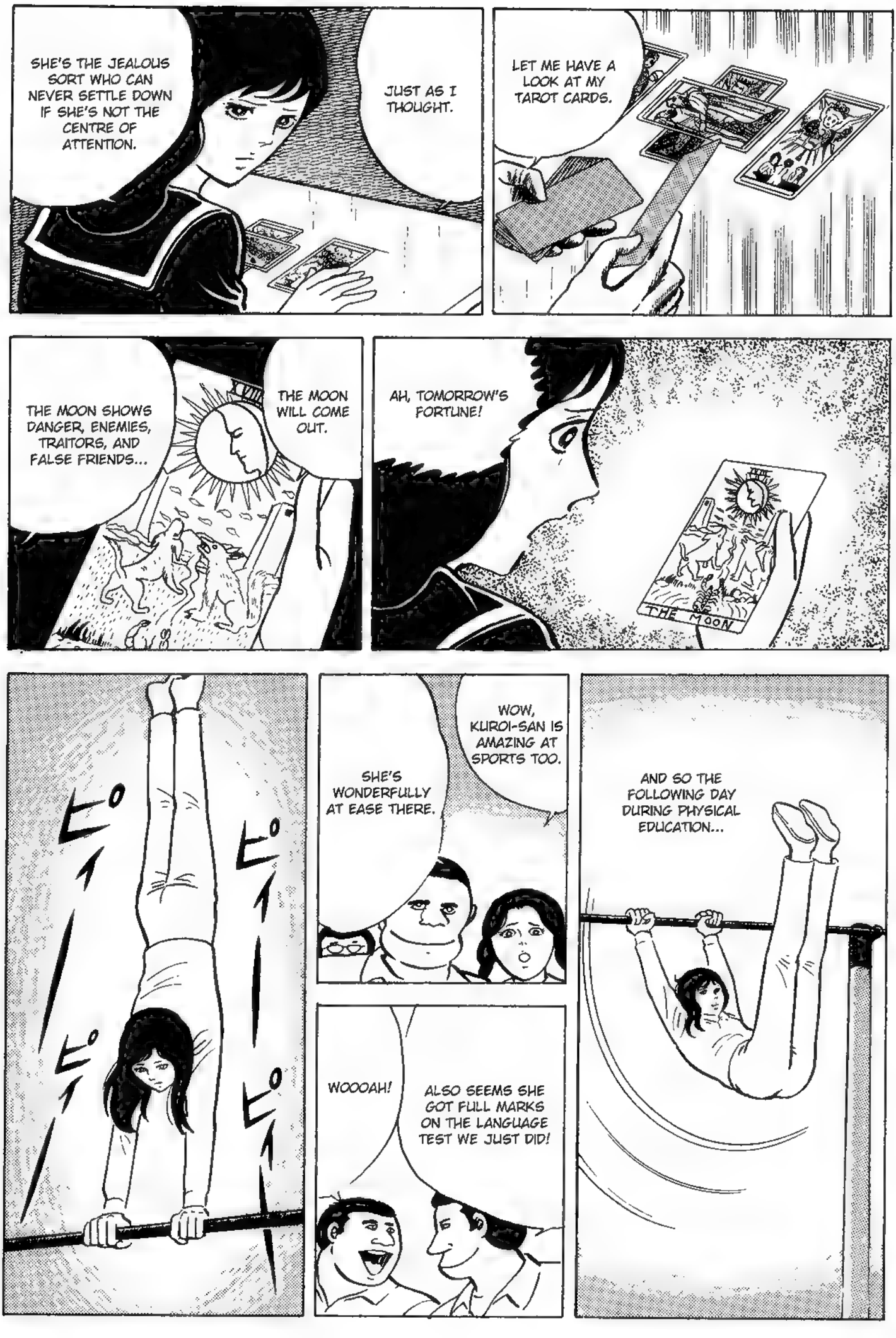
I'M IN HER CLASS...
DO YOU KNOW MIYAKO YAMORI, FROM CLASS A?
YES?
I KNOW WHERE SHE IS.
WELL, PERHAPS SHE WENT TO A FRIEND'S THEN.
OH, IS SHE STILL AT SCHOOL THEN?
NO, SHE WENT HOME. NO ONE'S HERE NOW.
BUT I'D LIKE TO TELL YOU SOMETHING FIRST.
OH, YOU DO?
IT WAS AROUND A WEEK AGO...
EH?

NONE OF IT.
HAVE YOU BEEN DOING IT ALL YAMORI-SAN?
UGH, WE'VE BEEN GETTING SO MUCH HOMEWORK RECENTLY.
HOW ABOUT COPYING MINE.
WHAT DO I DO, I'LL BE TOLD OFF NOW.
ALRIGHT, I'LL WRITE IT OUT FOR YOU.
IT'S FINE. DO IT QUICK, BEFORE THE TEACHER GETS HERE.
BUT I ALWAYS TROUBLE YOU.
IT'S REALLY REVOLTING.
SHE CERTAINLY KNOWS AND MAKES GOOD USE OF IT.
MUST BE HELPFUL BEING A PRETTY GIRL.
LOOK AT THAT, YAMORI-SAN SURE IS LUCKY.

HAS IT NOW.
YAMORI-SAN, THE BELL'S GONE FOR CLASS.
SHE'S CERTAINLY FASCINATED BY HER OWN FACE, UFUFU.
COME BREAK, YOU CAN ALWAYS FIND HER STOOD IN FRONT OF A MIRROR.
SHE ALWAYS SPENDS SO LONG DRESSING UP.
PFFF.
THIS IS MISA KUROI.
WE'LL BE WELCOMING A NEW FRIEND TODAY.

WHAT A PRETTY GIRL.
UHOOO!
SHE'S REFINED, AND HAS A NICE FACE.
HMPH.
SHE'S CERTAINLY LOVELY, EVEN US GIRLS ARE CHARMED BY HER!
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT? I'VE HAD AN EMPTY SEAT NEXT TO ME ALL TERM.
SENSEI, THERE'S A SEAT NEXT TO ME.
AND IF YOU LOOK CLOSELY, SHE HAS TONS OF FRECKLES.
TO ME HER FACE IS JUST ABOUT AVERAGE.
OH, IS THAT SO.

YES, SURE THING.
NOW THEN KUROI-SAN, WOULD YOU PLEASE USE THE SEAT NEXT TO SUZUKI-KUN.
I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHO ENDS UP MORE POPULAR.
TO HAVE TWO BEAUTIES IN THE CLASS, USHISHI.
STILL, HOW AMUSING.
PLEASE DON'T STARE SO MUCH.
HAH!
BUT SHE GIVES ME A RATHER SINISTER FEELING WITH THAT LOOK...
WHAT A PRETTY GIRL.


SHE'S THE JEALOUS SORT WHO CAN NEVER SETTLE DOWN IF SHE'S NOT THE CENTRE OF ATTENTION.
JUST AS I THOUGHT.
LET ME HAVE A LOOK AT MY TAROT CARDS.
THE MOON SHOWS DANGER, ENEMIES, TRAITORS, AND FALSE FRIENDS...
THE MOON WILL COME OUT.
AH, TOMORROW'S FORTUNE!
THE MOON
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SHE'S WONDERFULLY AT EASE THERE.
WOW, KUROI-SAN IS AMAZING AT SPORTS TOO.
WOOOAH!
ALSO SEEMS SHE GOT FULL MARKS ON THE LANGUAGE TEST WE JUST DID!
AND SO THE FOLLOWING DAY DURING PHYSICAL EDUCATION...

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OI, LOOK. I GUESS YAMORI-KUN'S AWARE SHE HAS A RIVAL TOO. THAT'S CERTAINLY A GREAT SWING!
HER BODY'S BALANCE IS JUST A LITTLE OFF.
NO, NO MATTER HOW STUBBORN SHE IS, IT WON'T MATTER.
STOP, THAT'S DANGEROUS!
YAMORI-SAN, YOU'RE DOING TOO MUCH, IT'S NO GOOD.
AH!
AAAH!
I CAN STAND UPSIDE DOWN WITH ONE HAND!
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YA... YAMORI-SAN!
HOLD IT TOGETHER!
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?!
AARGH!
QUICKLY, PLEASE!
S... SOMEONE GET ME A MIRROR!
W... WHAT ABOUT MY HEAD?!
AH, YOUR HEAD!

T... THIS WOUND...
AH!
AAAA-ARGH!
WHAT HAPPENED.
THE LED IN ALL MY PENCILS HAS BEEN SNAPPED.
OH?
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AROUND TWO DAYS LATER...
PERHAPS SOMEONE'S PLAYING A TRICK ON ME.

MY TEXTBOOK AND EXCERCISE BOOKS HAVE ALL BEEN TORN UP TOO...
I DON'T USE IT, SO HAVE MINE!
HAVE MY EXERCISE BOOK KUROI-SAN!
I'LL GIVE YOU MY TEXTBOOK TOO.
YOU SHOULD TELL THE TEACHER, KUROI-SAN.
THAT'S GOING TOO FAR FOR A PRANK.
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I'LL TRY SOME TOO.
I APPLY SOME OF THIS CREAM TO STOP MY SKIN GETTING BAD.
MM, THE WIND'S BEEN COLD TODAY THOUGH.
WANT TO GO HOME TOGETHER, KUROI-SAN?
UH!
WHAT'S WRONG?!
KU... KUROI-SAN!

EEH?!
I... IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN MY DAUGHTER!
THE CRIMINAL WAS MIYAKO YAMORI-SAN...
YES...
YES, SOMEONE HAD SWAPPED THEM.
WH... WHAT WAS THAT, ACID IN THE LOTION?!
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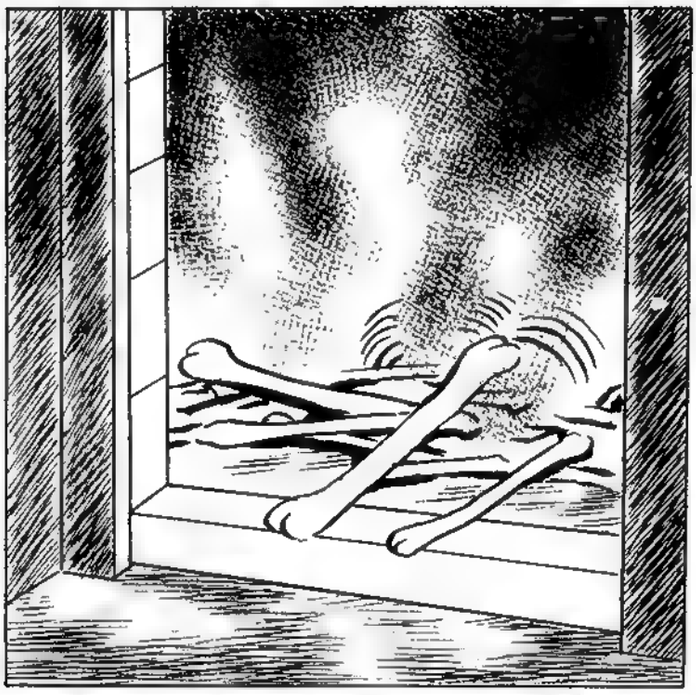
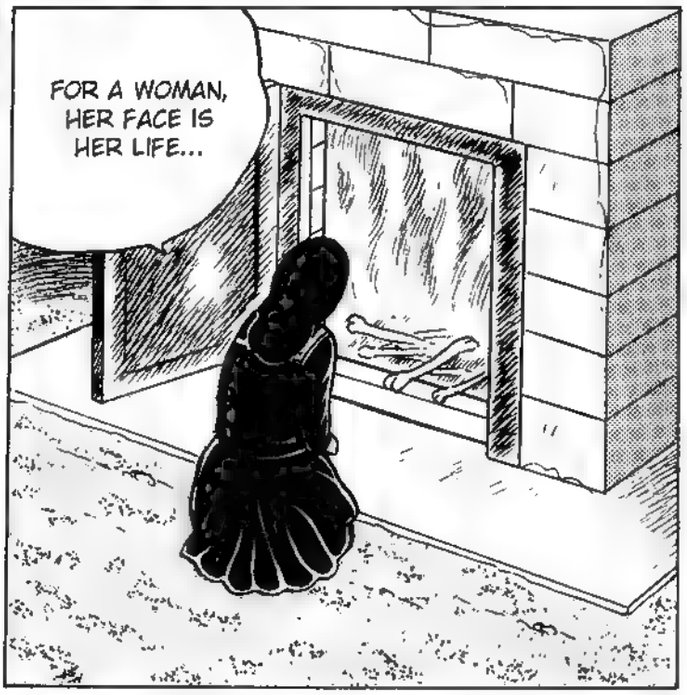
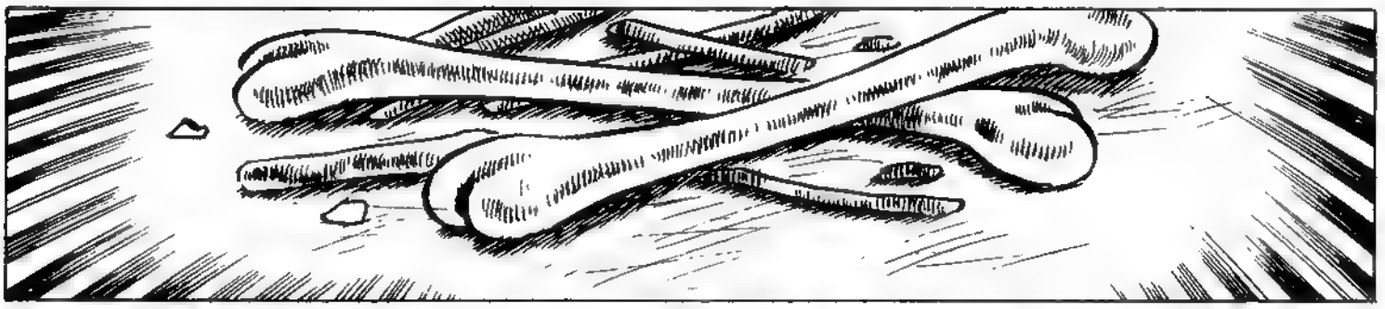
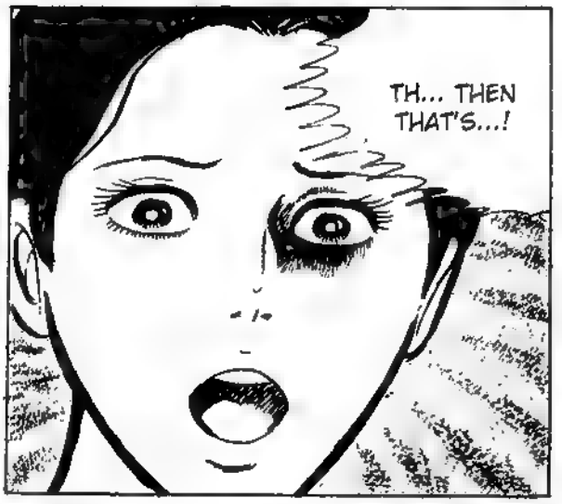
TAKE A LOOK AT MY FACE!

KYAAAH!




FOR A WOMAN, HER FACE IS HER LIFE...




TH... THEN THAT'S...!

IT COULDN'T BE! THOSE BONES, DID YOU...!
IT'S OBVIOUS I'D PAY HER BACK.
YES. YAMORI-SAN LEFT MY FACE IN THIS HIDEOUS STATE.
S... SOMEONEEE!
KYAAAAH!
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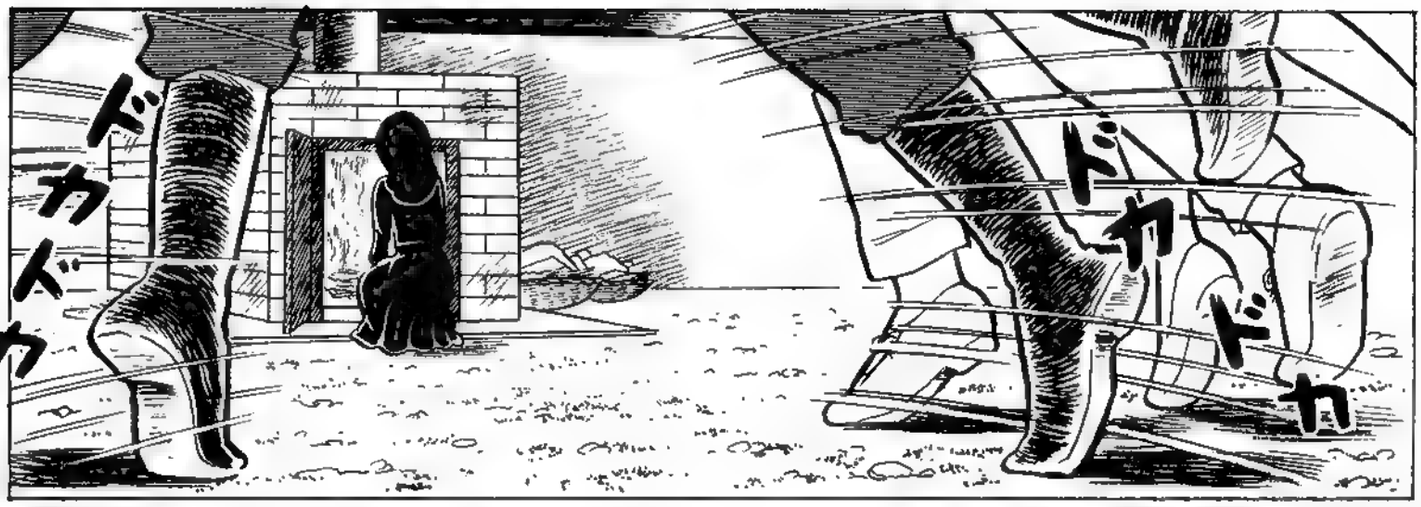
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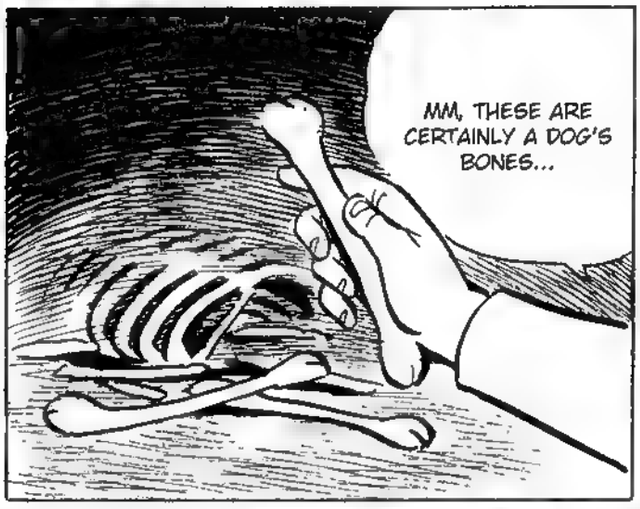
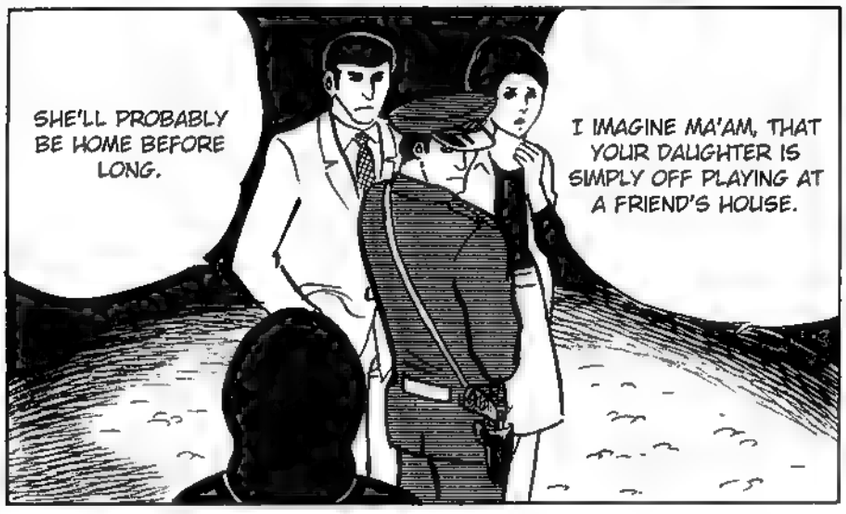
DON'T PLAY DUMB, YOU'RE COMING DOWN TO THE STATION!
IS SOMETHING THE MATTER?

OI YOU!


MM, THESE ARE CERTAINLY A DOG'S BONES...

WH... WHAT WAS THAT?!

I WAS SIMPLY BURNING THE REMAINS OF A DOG.
BUT I'VE NOT DONE ANYTHING WRONG.


SHE'LL PROBABLY BE HOME BEFORE LONG.
I IMAGINE MA'AM, THAT YOUR DAUGHTER IS SIMPLY OFF PLAYING AT A FRIEND'S HOUSE.

OH MY...!

FUFU...
IT WAS ALL JUST A FALSE ALARM.
WHAT EXACTLY ARE SCHOOLGIRLS THESE DAYS THINKING?!
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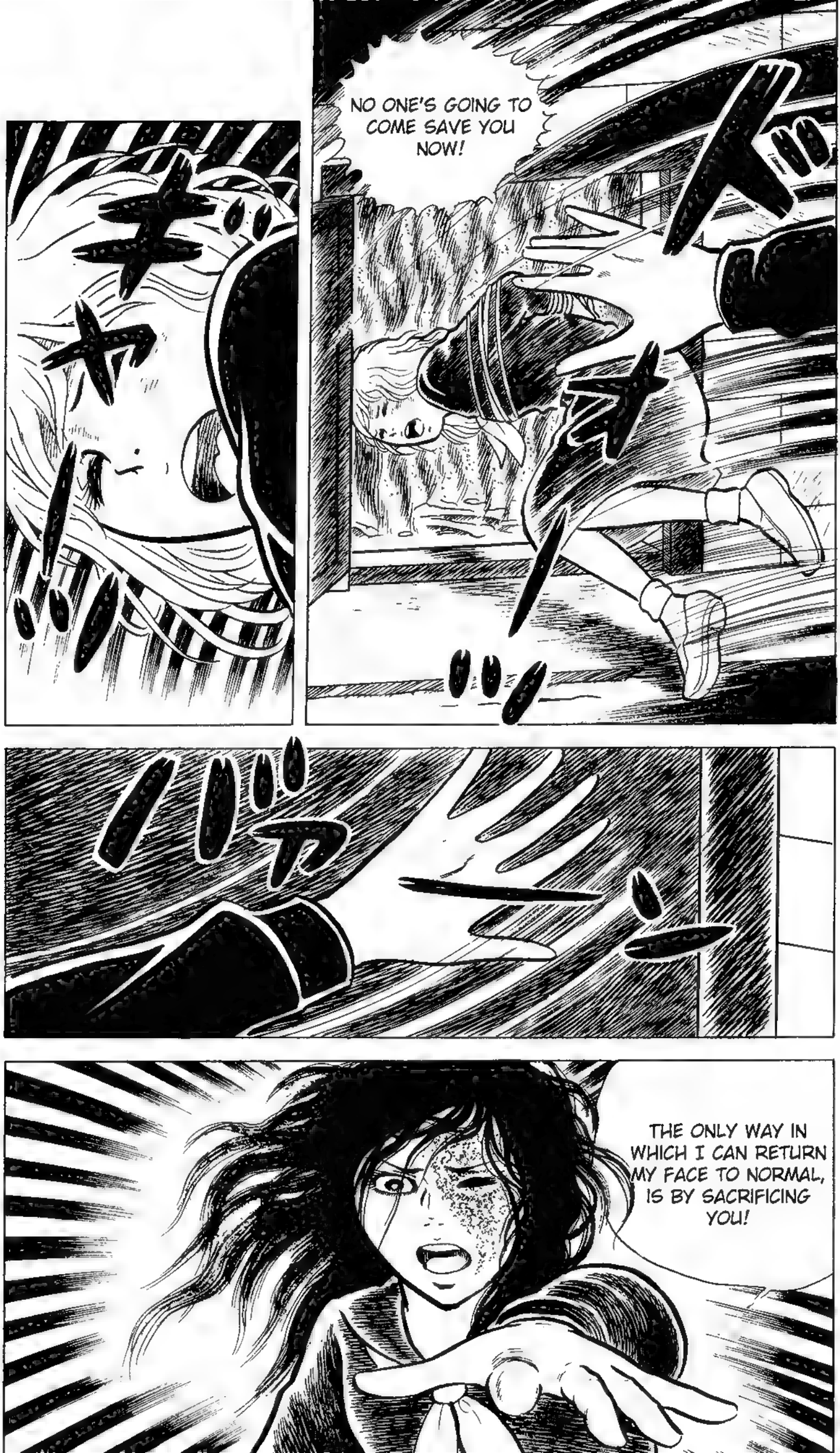
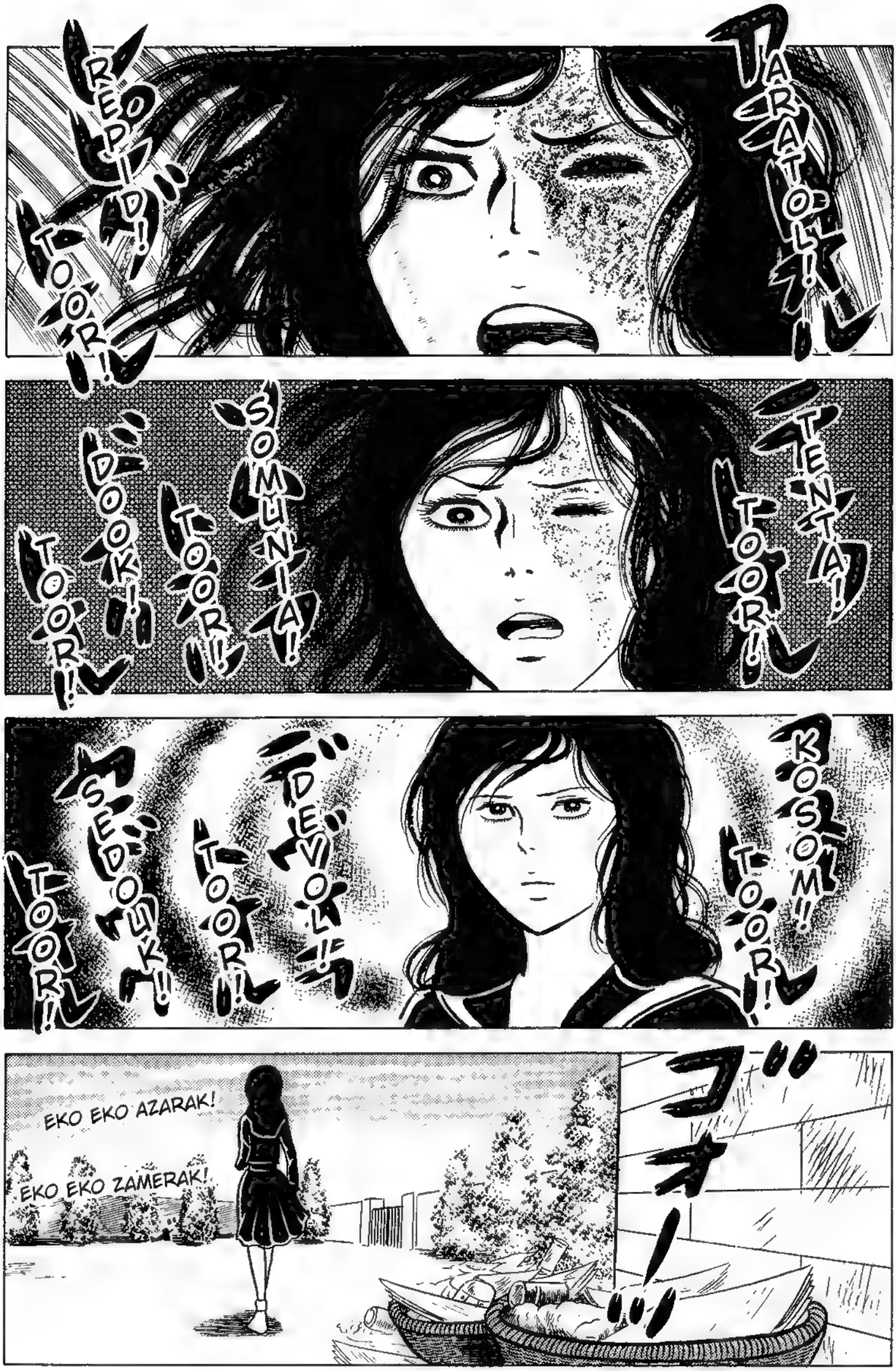
UUUH...!
HOW DARE YOU TRY TO LEAVE ME LIKE THIS!
HOHOHOHO!
I CAN NOW TAKE MY TIME WITH MY PAYBACK!


NO ONE'S GOING TO COME SAVE YOU NOW!
THE ONLY WAY IN WHICH I CAN RETURN MY FACE TO NORMAL, IS BY SACRIFICING YOU!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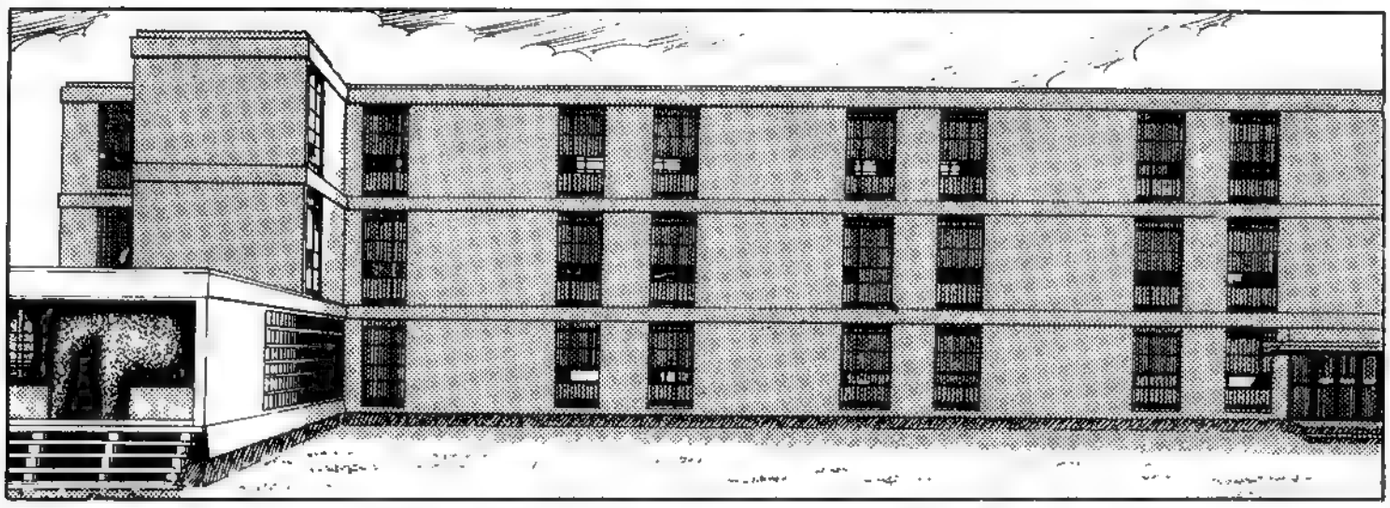
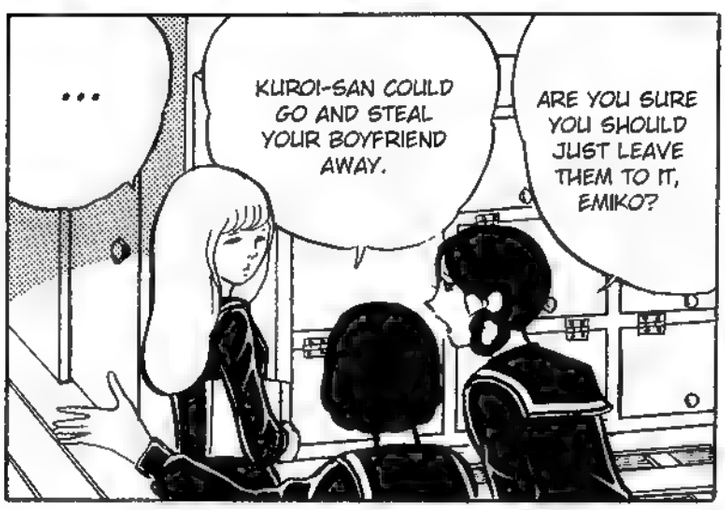
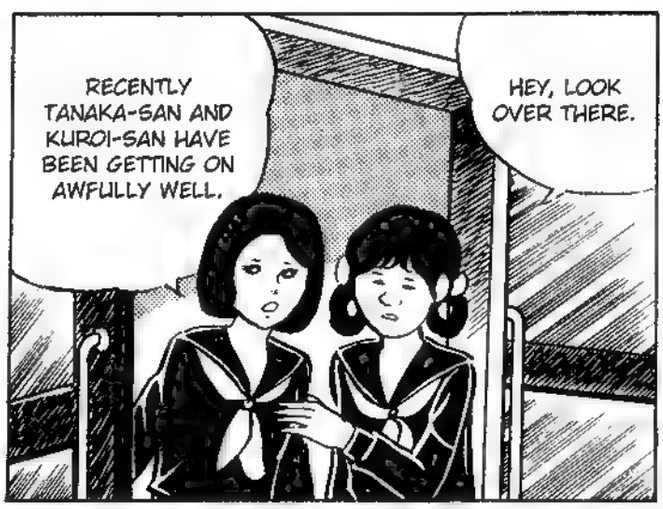
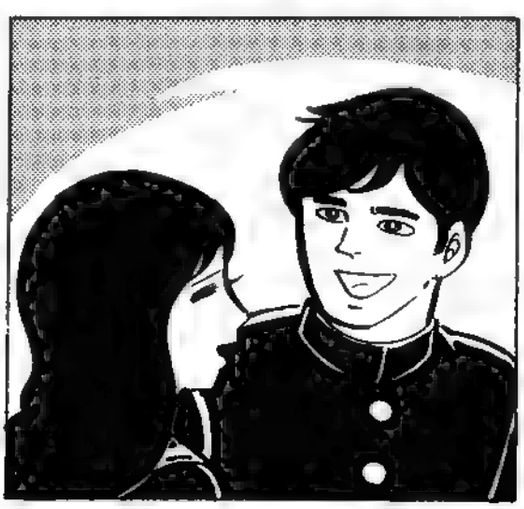
THE DEMON INVOCATION

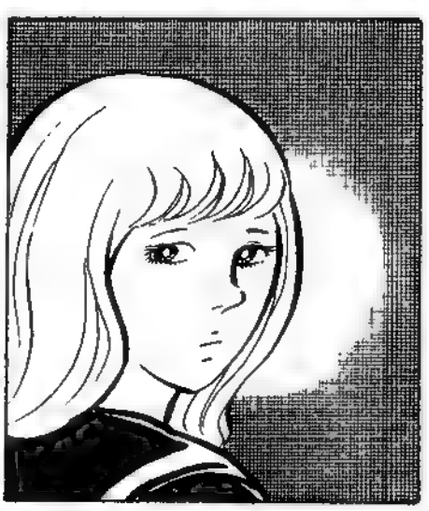


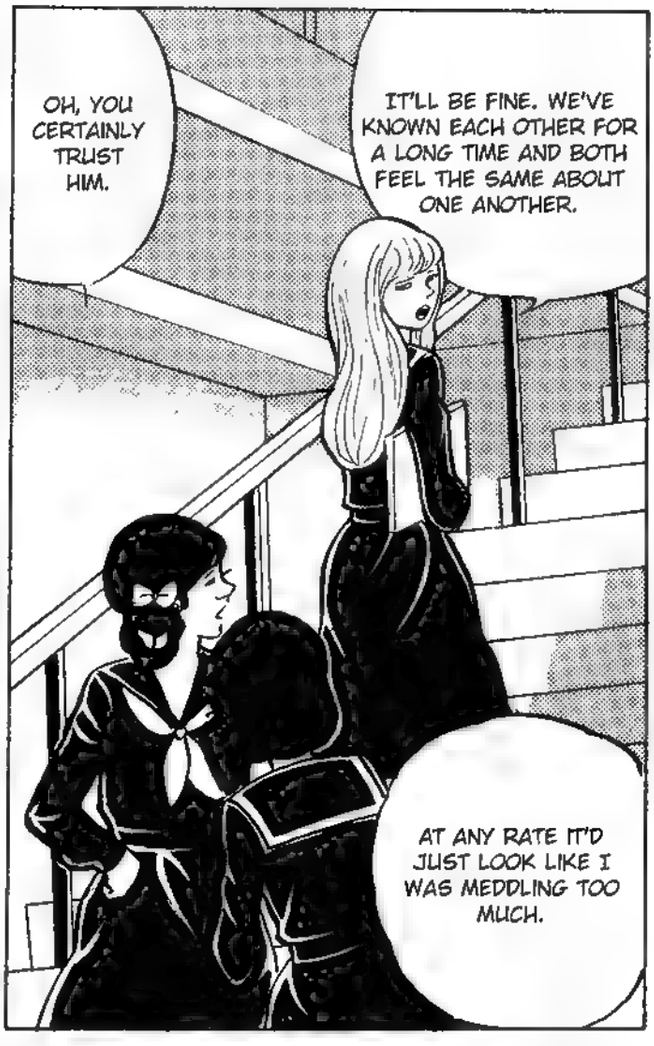

...
KUROI-SAN COULD GO AND STEAL YOUR BOYFRIEND AWAY.
ARE YOU SURE YOU SHOULD JUST LEAVE THEM TO IT, EMIKO?

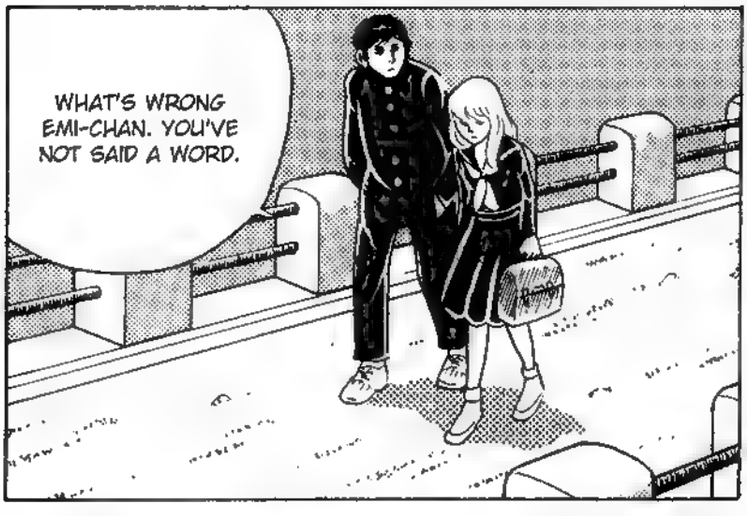

RECENTLY TANAKA-SAN AND KUROI-SAN HAVE BEEN GETTING ON AWFULLY WELL.
HEY, LOOK OVER THERE.

TANAKA-KUN'S NOT LIKE THAT!
SHE'S A REAL THREAT, JUST LOOK HOW PRETTY SHE IS.



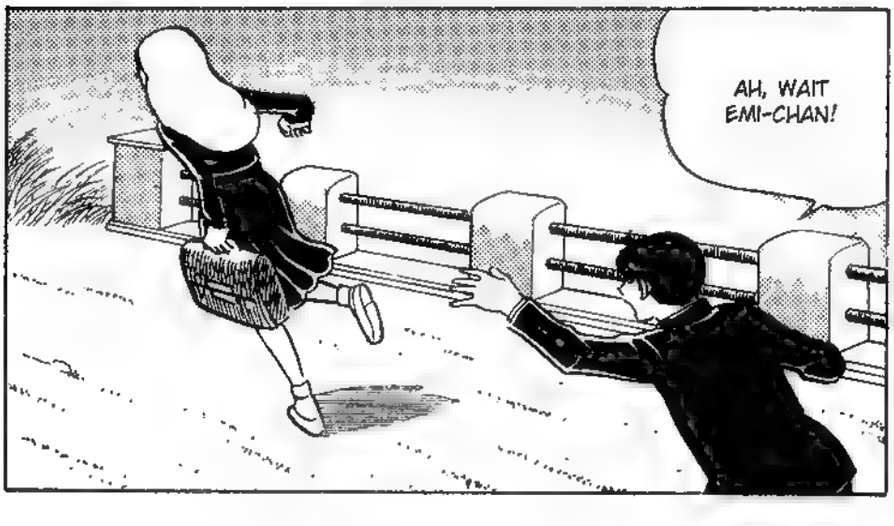


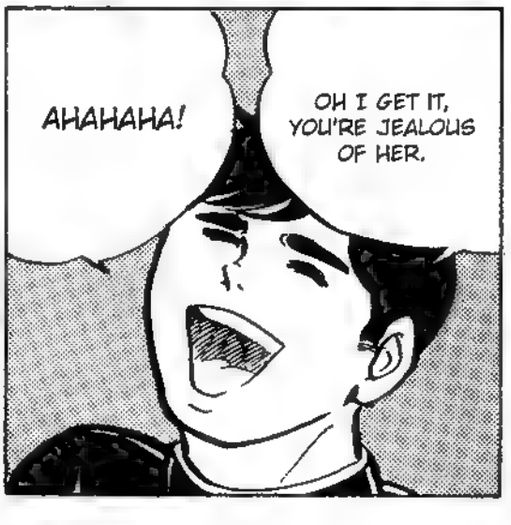

OH, YOU CERTAINLY TRUST HIM.
IT'LL BE FINE. WE'VE KNOWN EACH OTHER FOR A LONG TIME AND BOTH FEEL THE SAME ABOUT ONE ANOTHER.
AT ANY RATE IT'D JUST LOOK LIKE I WAS MEDDLING TOO MUCH.


WHAT'S WRONG EMI-CHAN. YOU'VE NOT SAID A WORD.

EH?!
I GUESS I'M JUST A WEIRD GIRL THEN. I'M NOT SMART NOR GOOD LOOKING LIKE KUROI-SAN.

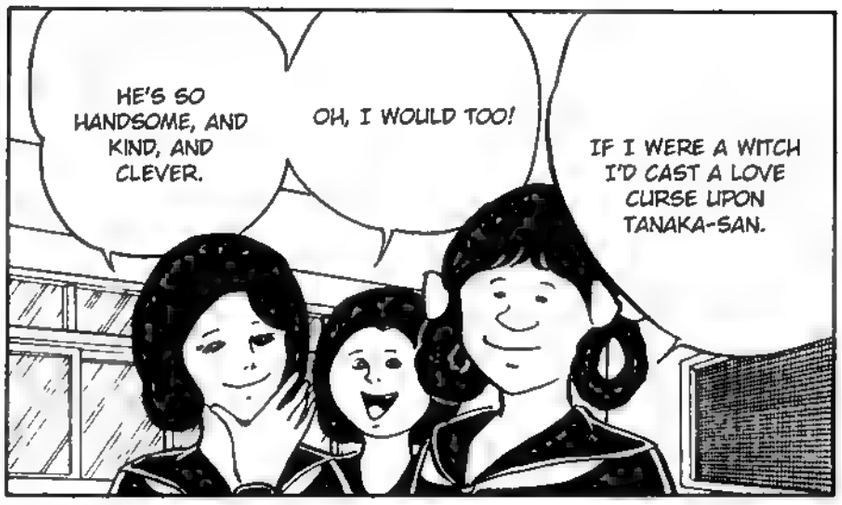
YOU KNOW YOU'VE BEEN ACTING ODD TODAY.
I JUST DON'T REALLY FEEL LIKE TALKING.

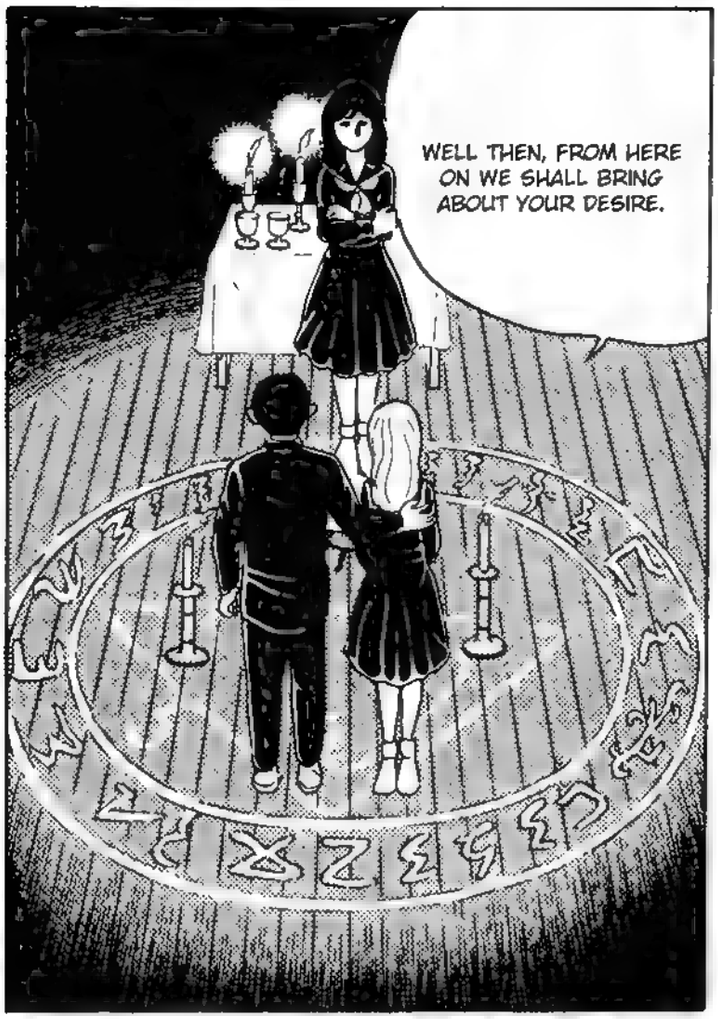

AH, WAIT EMI-CHAN!


AHAHAHA!
OH I GET IT, YOU'RE JEALOUS OF HER.

DON'T YOU TRUST ME?!
SO YOU'D TALK ABOUT SOMETHING SO IMPORTANT WITH HER, A TRANSFER STUDENT?
I WAS SIMPLY TALKING TO HER ABOUT A SECRET MATTER THAT I CAN'T TELL ANYONE.
BUT HAVEN'T YOU BEEN SPENDING ALL OF LUNCH TIME WHISPERING TO MISA-SAN RECENTLY?!
THIS IS ALL A BIG MISUNDER-STANDING.
OH, MAGIC YOU SAY?
THE TRUTH IS WE'VE BEEN DISCUSSING MAGIC.
JUST LISTEN TO ME A BIT.
TANAK-KUN, I WANT YOU TO STOP SEEING HER!
AAAH, YOU CAN'T DEAL WITH A HYSTERICAL WOMAN!
AND WHAT'S THAT, TANAKA-KUN?
WITH IT I FIGURE SHE MIGHT BE ABLE TO GRANT ME MY ONE TRUE DESIRE.
YES. THE GIRL IS LIKE A WITCH, SHE CAN USE SOME SORT OF MAGIC.
IT SEEMS WE WON'T BE ABLE TO USE THE MAGIC IF UNRELATED PEOPLE KNOW OF IT.
HOWEVER YOU HAVE TO KEEP THIS TO YOURSELF.
OH...
I WANT OUR LOVE TO GROW ALL THE MORE, EMI-CHAN...

I'LL TREAT YOU TO SOMETHING YOU LIKE.
TANAKA-KUN, I'VE A FAIR BIT OF POCKET MONEY ON ME TODAY.
UHEH... SHE'S CERTAINLY SIMPLE...
I DID TOO. THE BLACK MAGIC THERE WAS CRAZY!
I WATCHED THE "WITCH'S BANQUET" THE OTHER DAY, IT WAS TERRIFYING!
NO IDEA, BUT IT OFTEN CAME UP IN BOOKS ON MAGIC.
IS THAT TRULY SOMETHING THEY CAN DO?
I'D USE MAGIC TO CATCH MY IDEAL BOY!
STILL, IT'D BE NICE BEING A WITCH. YOU CAN GET WHATEVER YOU WANT!
HE'LL STAY ON GOOD TERMS WITH THE WITCH UNTIL AWOKEN FROM THAT MAGICAL DAZE...
FOR INSTANCE, IF A WITCH CASTS A LOVE CURSE UPON A MAN WITH WIFE AND CHILD, HE'LL INSTANTLY GROW COLD TOWARDS HIS FAMILY AND EVENTUALLY LEAVE THEM.


HE'S SO HANDSOME, AND KIND, AND CLEVER.
OH, I WOULD TOO!
IF I WERE A WITCH I'D CAST A LOVE CURSE UPON TANAKA-SAN.


WELL THEN, FROM HERE ON WE SHALL BRING ABOUT YOUR DESIRE.

THAT NIGHT, IN THE SCHOOL GYMNASIUM.
NO ONE SAW YOU WHILE YOU WERE COMING HERE DID THEY?
MM, I KEPT MY PROMISE.

IF YOU CAME HERE OUT OF MERE CURIOSITY, THEN THE MAGIC WILL NOT PROCEED WELL, AND THINGS WILL END IN DISASTER...
YET BEFORE THAT, I MUST WARN YOU ONCE MORE.

I'LL TELL YOU ONE MORE THING!
BY NO MEANS MUST YOU TRY AND DOMINEER THAT EVIL DEMON!
NOW, AS I SLOWLY ROTATE THIS SWORD, AN EVIL DEMON WILL APPEAR FROM THE LAMP.
IN ORDER TO BRING OUT THE DEMON'S GRATITUDE, YOU NEED TO PRESENT IT YOUR MOST PRECIOUS BELONGINGS.
UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES!
I MUST WARN YOU THAT, SO LONG AS THE MAGIC CEREMONY IS IN PROGRESS, YOU ARE NOT TO LEAVE THIS MAGIC CIRCLE...
AND MY DOLL.
HERE'S MY WRIST-WATCH.

A FRESHLY SEVERED CAT'S HEAD, TWO SHEEP HORNS, A SKULL AND A BAT.
MISA KUROI'S CEREMONY REQUIRED...
LET US BEGIN!
WITH THIS, ALL IS PREPARED.
THEY'RE PRESENTS FOR THE DEMON, DON'T WORRY.
TANAKA-KUN, I FEEL SLIGHTLY CREEPED OUT.

AND THIS IS LUCIFER'S CREST
EVEN AMONGST EVIL DEMONS, LUCIFER HOLDS THE GREATEST POWER.
ARISE ON!
CHAMERON!
LUCIFER!!
PLEMIEL!
OUYA!!
TSUT!
SOOEL!!
MALTOTS!!

LUCIFER!
OUYAL!
EDPHANESOL!
HAN!
EDI!
TOPEA!
HATAM!
HAK!
FELY!
MATAR!
AMEN!

IT'D BE DANGEROUS FOR YOUR SPIRITS TO FALTER!
DON'T LOOK BEHIND YOU!

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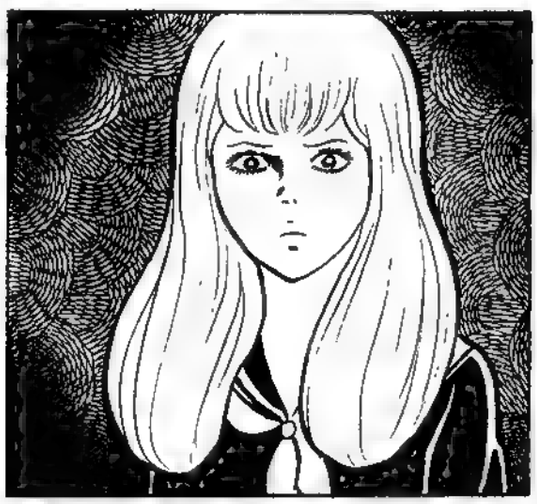
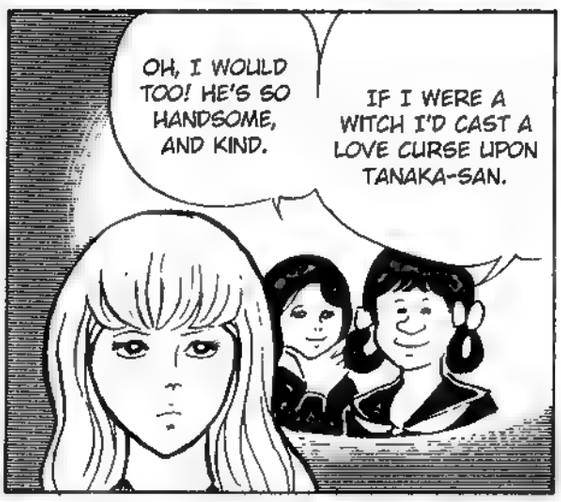


TANAKA-KUN, PLEASE COME FORWARDS.
WE SHALL CARRY OUT THE CONTRACT WITH THE DEMON...

NOW, GIVE ME YOUR HAND.
WE SHALL SIGN THE CONTRACT WITH YOUR BLOOD.


IF I WERE A WITCH I'D CAST A LOVE CURSE UPON TANAKA-SAN.
OH, I WOULD TOO! HE'S SO HANDSOME, AND KIND.

STOP THAAAAT!

WE'RE BEING TRICKED!
WHAT'S WRONG EMI-CHAN?
CALL IT A WOMAN'S INTUITION, NOW LET'S GET BACK TANAKA-KUN!
ON WHAT GROUNDS...
YOU'RE WRONG EMIKO-SAN.
WHAT WAS THAT?!
KUROI-SAN WANTS TO TRY AND CAST A LOVE CURSE ON YOU!
WE'RE BEING TRICKED?
YOU'RE WRONG!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING, GET OFF ME!
D... DON'T LEAVE THE MAGIC CIRCLE!
EVEN IF YOU'VE TRICKED HIM, YOU WON'T TRICK ME!

AAH!
EMI-CHAN!

LET'S JUST GET BACK...
I'M FINE...

THERE'S SOMETHING I DON'T LIKE ABOUT YOU.
I'M SORRY, LET'S GO BACK TOGETHER.
WAIT EMI-CHAN!
DON'T TOUCH ME!
WHAT NONSENSE IS THIS, WHAT'RE YOU GOING ON ABOUT?!
YOU AND THAT MISA-SAN WERE PLANNING TO BETRAY ME, WEREN'T YOU!

IT HURTS, LIKE IT'S BROKEN!
M... MY ARM...!
AARGH!
UFUFUFU...
YOU'LL BE IN DANGER IF YOU DON'T GET THAT DOLL!
EH?!
EMIKO-SAN'S BEEN POSSESSED BY THE DEMON.
EMI-CHAN!
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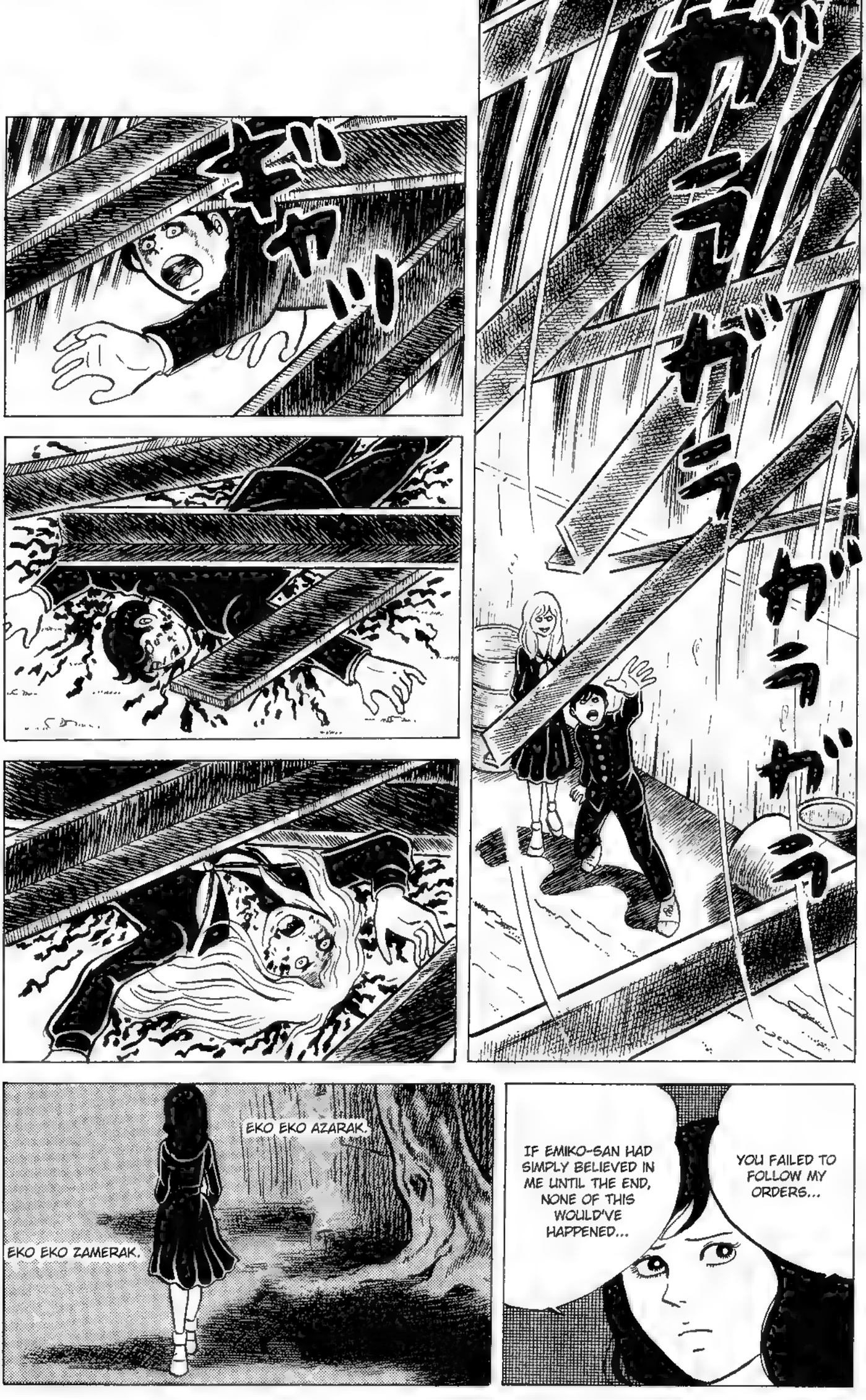
EKO EKO AZARAK.
EKO EKO ZAMERAK.
IF EMIKO-SAN HAD SIMPLY BELIEVED IN ME UNTIL THE END, NONE OF THIS WOULD'VE HAPPENED...
YOU FAILED TO FOLLOW MY ORDERS...

♣ THE BLACK MAGIC RITUAL

PROCEED WITH THE BLACK MAGIC RITUAL...
WE SHALL NOW...
AS ALWAYS, PLEASE PURGE THE MAGIC CIRCLE WITH SALT AND WATER...

EKO, EKO ZAMERAK!
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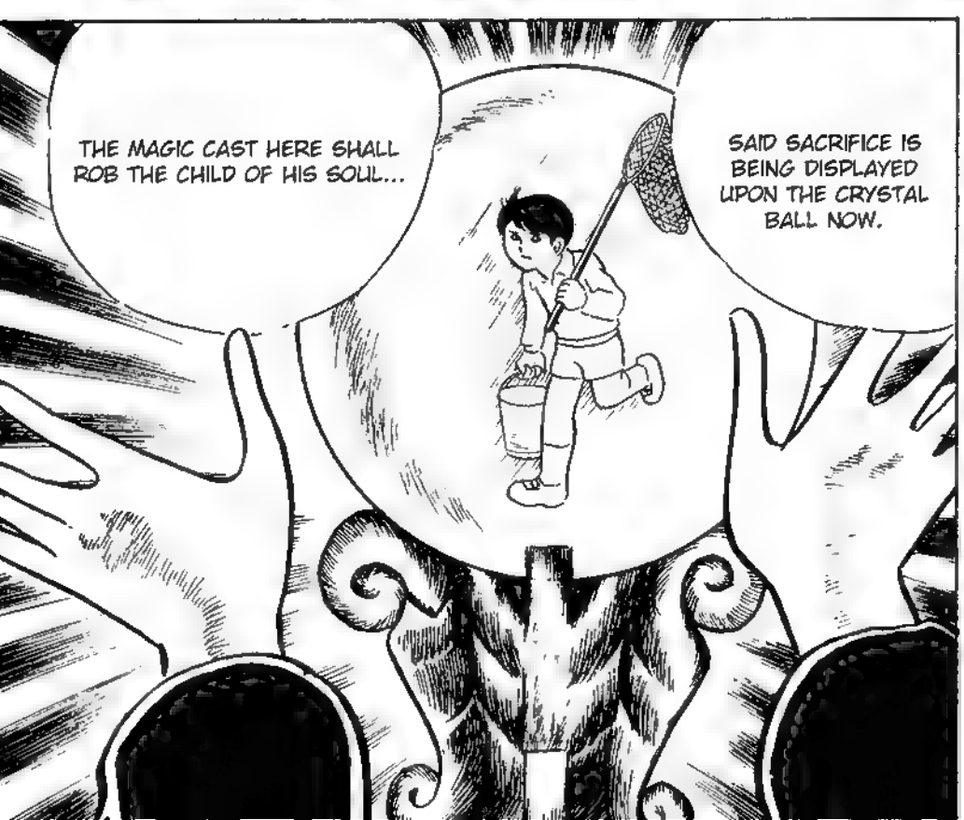
THE GREAT GODS OF THE EAST, WEST, NORTH AND SOUTH... OBSERVE OUR RITUAL... AND DELIVER US YOUR DIVINE PROTECTION.


THE MAGIC CAST HERE SHALL ROB THE CHILD OF HIS SOUL...
SAID SACRIFICE IS BEING DISPLAYED UPON THE CRYSTAL BALL NOW.

TO BRING ABOUT OUR BLACK MAGIC RITUALS, WE MUST OFFER THE SPIRIT OF A CHILD ONCE A YEAR TO THE DEVIL.

AT ONCE.
COME FORTH.
MISA KURO!...

THERE'S NO WAY I COULD KILL AN INNOCENT CHILD.
I CAN'T!

EH?!

YOU SHALL CAST IT!

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YOU CAN'T SIMPLY DO AND THINK WHAT YOU WANT!
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THAT YOUR SOUL WAS SOLD TO THE DEVIL?!

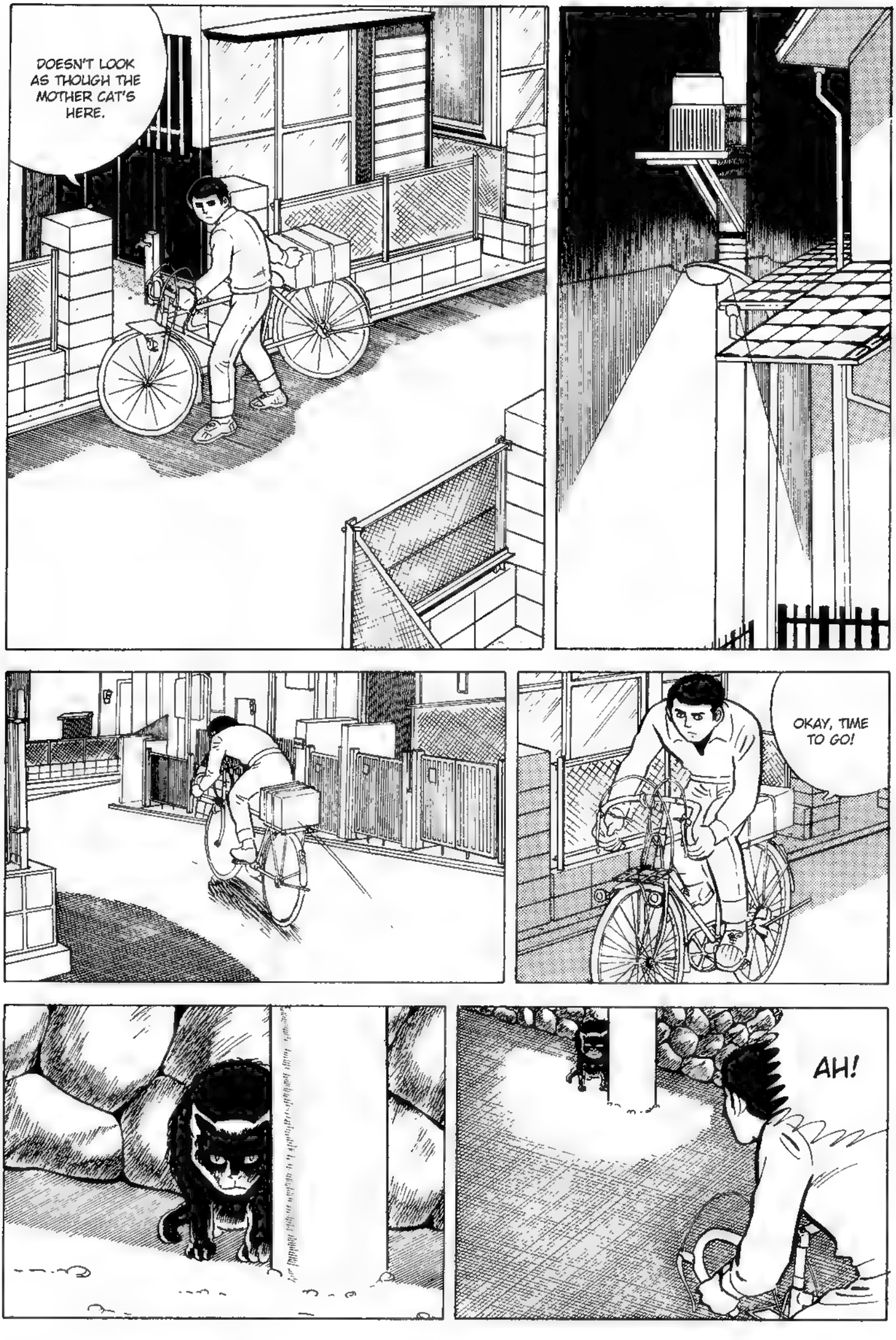
PLEASE EXCUSE ME.

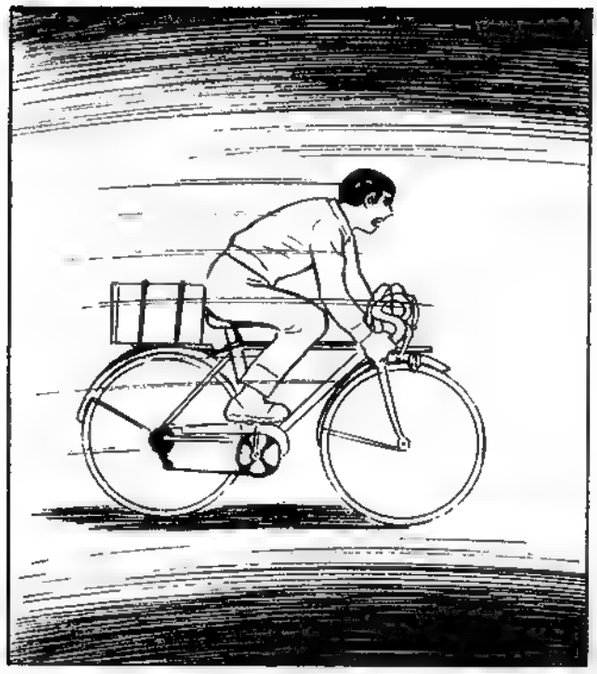
IT CANNOT BE THAT YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN THE STRICTNESS OF THE LAWS OF BLACK MAGIC...

VERY WELL... THIS HOUSE IS THE CHILD'S...

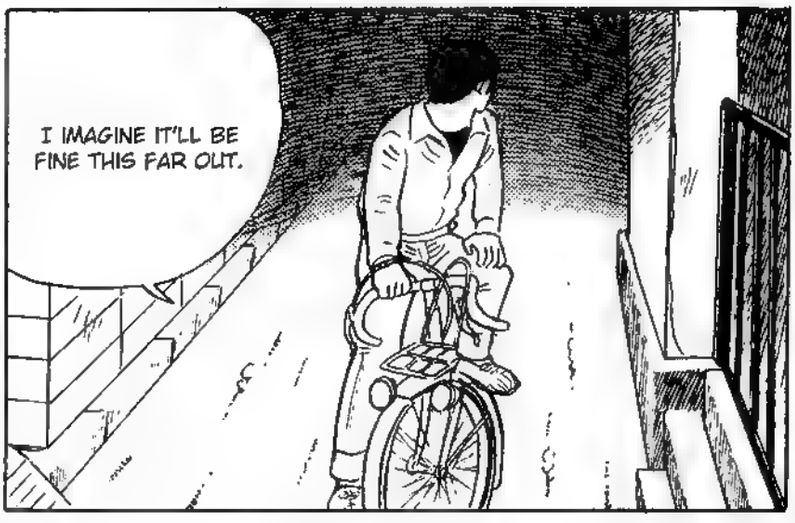
I SHALL CARRY OUT YOUR COMMANDS.

MUM, WE'VE KITTENS NOW. SIX OF THEM.
EH, I... DON'T WANT TO.
YOU'LL HAVE TO THROW THEM OUT TONIGHT, KEI-CHAN.
THIS IS WHY I DIDN'T WANT TO HAVE A CAT.
OH GOOD GRIEF.
IT'S ALMOST LIKE THE MOTHER CAT KNOWS WHAT'S GOING ON.


DOESN'T LOOK AS THOUGH THE MOTHER CAT'S HERE.
OKAY, TIME TO GO!
AH!



T/N: THE SIGN READS DANGER, DO NOT ENTER.



THERE'S A LOT OF CRAYFISH HERE.
WHAT'RE YOU DOING OUT HERE?!
HIDEBOU?
HEY BRO.
IDIOT! A BUNCH OF KIDS HAVE FALLEN TO THEIR DEATHS OUT HERE!
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WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF ANYTHING HAPPENED?! HURRY UP AND GET HOME!

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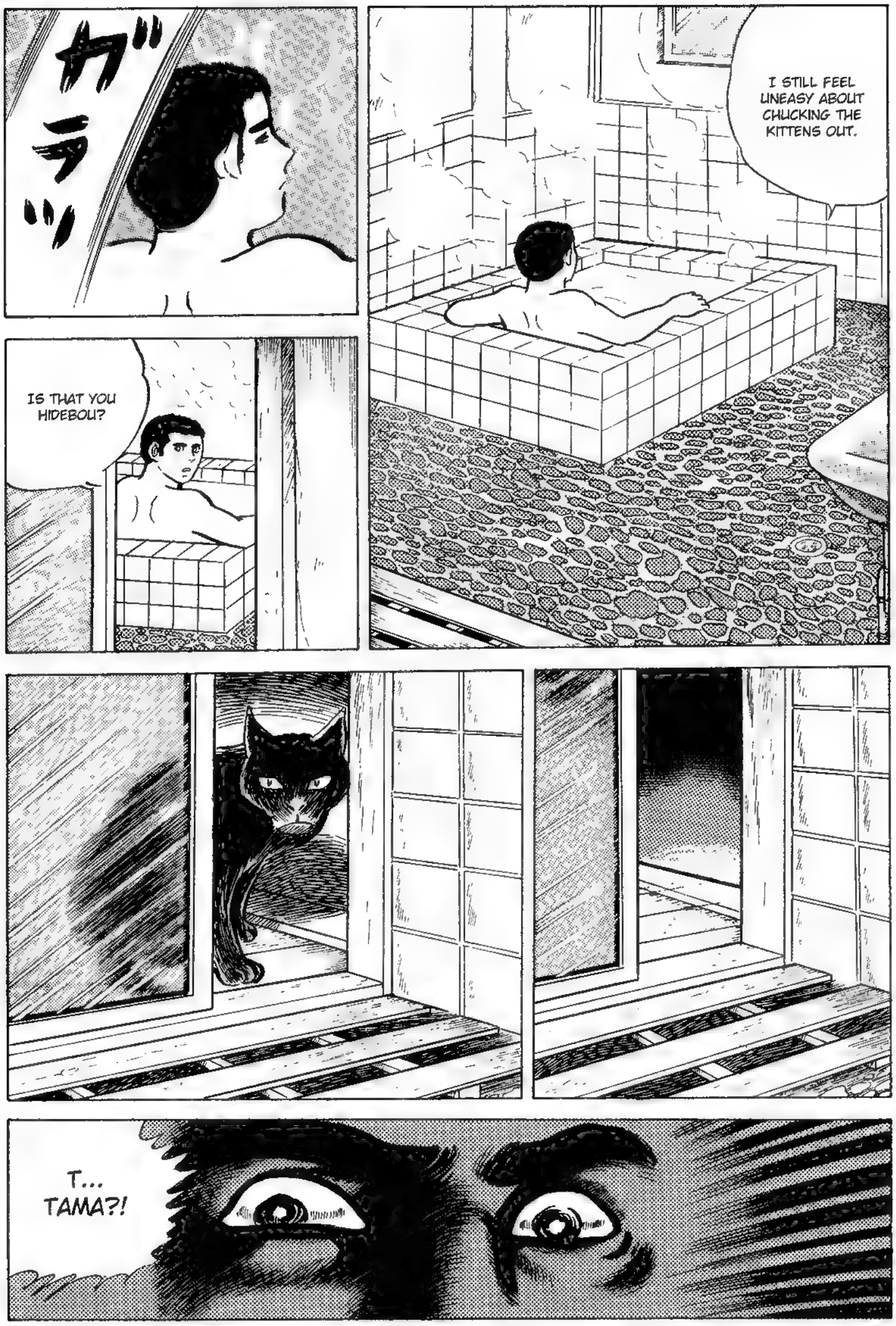
UH!

AH!
I'M BA...
HAAH, HAAH.
TAMA JUST SUDDENLY ATTACKED ME.
WHAT'S WITH THAT INJURY MUM?!

PERHAPS SHE KNOWS WE THREW AWAY THE KITTENS.
TAMA'S BEEN ACTING ODDLY.
GOOD GRIEF, AT LEAST SHE'S GONE NOW.
HM?
-EKOEEKO-
-KARAOKE OKE-
-ZAMERAA-
-EKOEEKO-
MM.
YOUR FATHER WILL BE LATE BACK TONIGHT, SO YOU'LL NEED TO TAKE A BATH AND GET TO BED EARLY.
HOW ODD, JUST MY IMAGINATION THEN.
NO, NOT REALLY...
DID YOU HEAR A WEIRD VOICE?
WHAT'S THE MATTER KEI-CHAN?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I STILL FEEL UNEASY ABOUT CHUCKING THE KITTENS OUT.
IS THAT YOU HIDEBOU?
T... TAMA?!

SHE'S DEAD...
HAH?!
A FEW DAYS LATER...
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THAT CRY...

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N... NO WAY IT COULDN'T BE THE KITTENS I THREW AWAY...!

YOU'LL CATCH A COLD IF YOU DON'T GET UP!
KEI-CHAN, KEI-CHAN.
AAAARGH!
BUT IT WASN'T JUST THAT. THEY'D GROWN, THEY WERE EATING FISH...
I DREAMT THAT I SAW THE KITTENS ALIVE IN THE IRRIGATION WATER.
YOU SEEMED TO BE HAVING A NIGHTMARE.
HUH, A DREAM...
UH!
HE LEFT A WHILE BACK WITH A NET.
WHERE'S HIDEBOU MUM?
COULD YOU GO CALL HIM, DINNER'S READY.
I GUESS HE WENT TO THE RESERVOIR AGAIN.
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STILL, WHAT AM I GONNA DO ABOUT THAT WEIRD DREAM.
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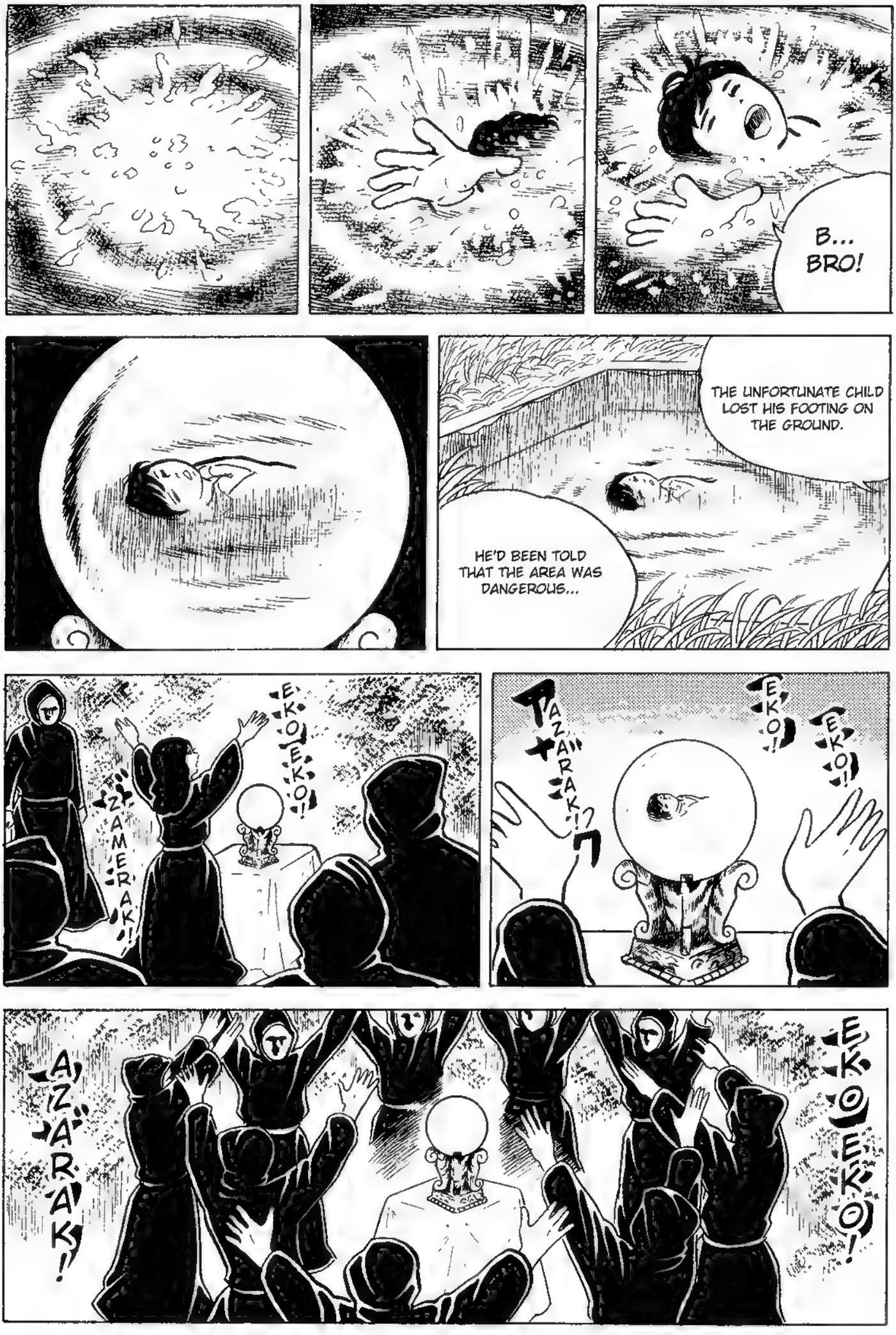
AH!

A... A
MONSTER!


B... BRO!
THE UNFORTUNATE CHILD LOST HIS FOOTING ON THE GROUND.
HE'D BEEN TOLD THAT THE AREA WAS DANGEROUS...
EKO EKO!
ZAMERAK!
AZARAK!?
EKO!
EKO!
AZARAK!
EKO EKO!

THE TROLLDOM DOLL TECHNIQUE

WHAT TERRIBLE RAIN...
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THANK YOU, SENSEI.
I'LL GIVE YOU A RIDE.
OH, DON'T HAVE AN UMBRELLA MATSUOKA-KUN?
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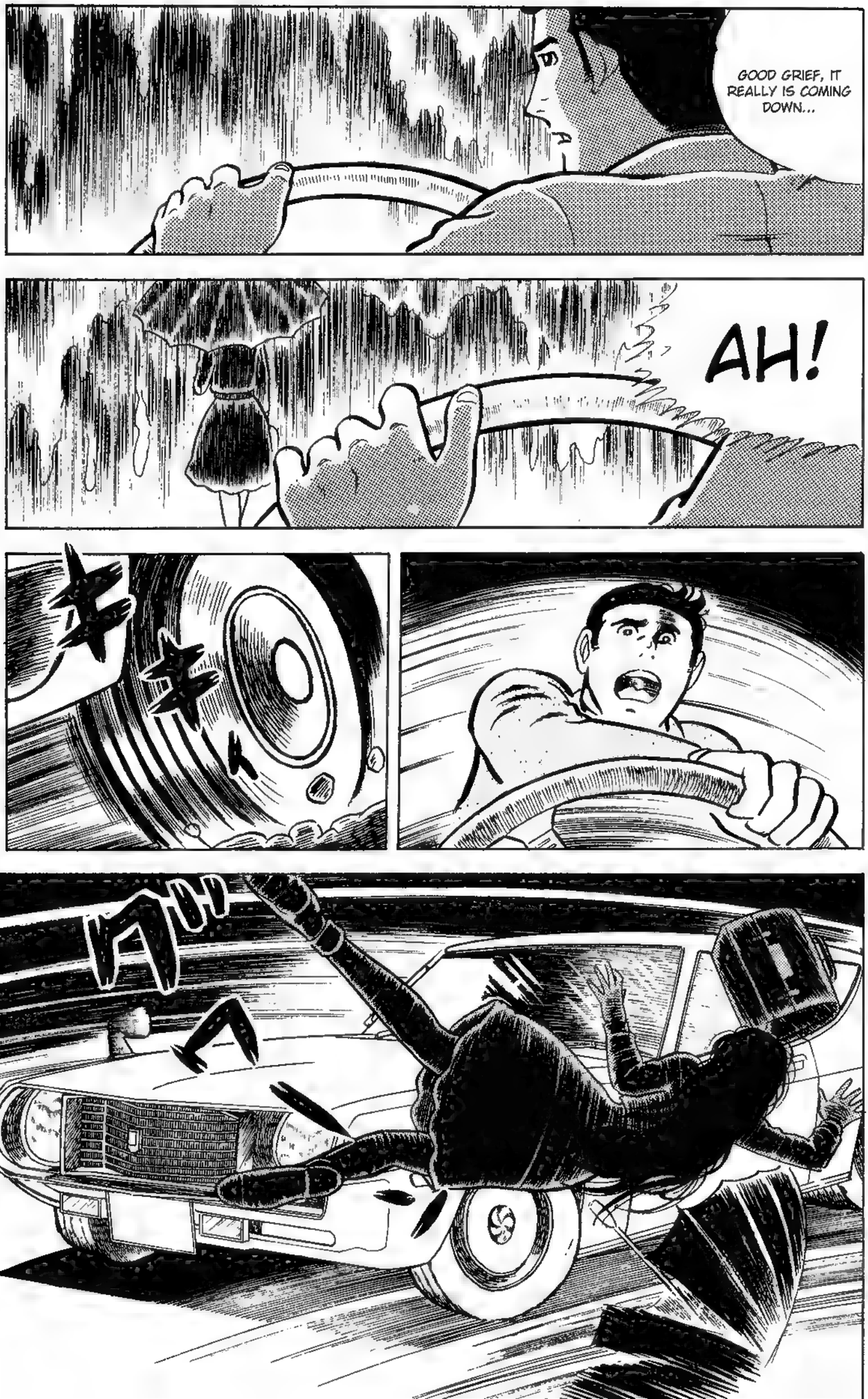
GOOD GRIEF, IT REALLY IS COMING DOWN...
AH!

THAT'S MISA KUROI-SAN, SHE'S IN MY CLASS!
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SE... SENSEI!

EH?!
H... HEY YOU!
KUROI-SAN!
B... BUT KUROI-SAN'S...!
QUICKLY, BACK IN THE CAR!
JUST GET BACK IN THE CAR ALREADY!
UUH, UH...

SHUT UP, JUST STAY QUIET!
HAVE YOU LOST YOUR MIND SENSEI?!
HAAH, HAAH.
THAT'S KUROI-SAN'S DOLL!
AH.
WE SHOULD THROW IT AWAY SOMEWHERE LATER...
IT MUST'VE GOTTEN CAUGHT DURING THE ACCIDENT...

I'M SORRY FOR SHOUTING AT YOU BACK THEN, MATSUOKA-KUN...

MM...
STILL, THERE'S SOMETHING WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT...

AND THAT'S NOT ALL. I CAN EVEN HELP WITH YOUR HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAMS.
WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY, IS THAT IF YOU KEEP QUIET ABOUT THAT LITTLE BUSINESS YESTERDAY, I'LL KEEP YOUR REPORT CARD AND TEST RESULTS JUST AS YOU'D LIKE THEM.
EH?
S... SURE...
WELL, MATSUOKA-KUN...?
...
I IMAGINE YOU KNOW TOO SENSEI, BUT FROM THE MOMENT SHE TRANSFERED HERE, SHE WAS ALWAYS CLUTCHING THAT DOLL...
THERE WAS SOMETHING CREEPY ABOUT THAT KUROI-SAN.
BUT I'M SCARED, SENSEI.

I THINK THAT KUROI-SAN COULD EVEN MOVE THAT DOLL IF SHE SO DESIRED...
WH... WHAT NONSENSE!
THAT DOLL MIGHT WELL HAVE HAD A SOUL WITHIN IT.
WH... WHAT WAS THAT?!
AH!
IT'S TRUE! SEVERAL DAYS AGO BACK WHEN WE HAD THE TEST...

MY RUBBER ROLLED OVER THERE.
OH NO.
GUMI-CHAN, WOULD YOU GET THAT RUBBER FOR ME.
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WHAT A LOAD OF NONSENSE, IT'S JUST STUFFED WITH STRAW.
BUT I SAW IT MYSELF!
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
STILL, SO LONG AS I GET RID OF THIS LAST BIT OF EVIDENCE, I'LL BE IN THE CLEAR.

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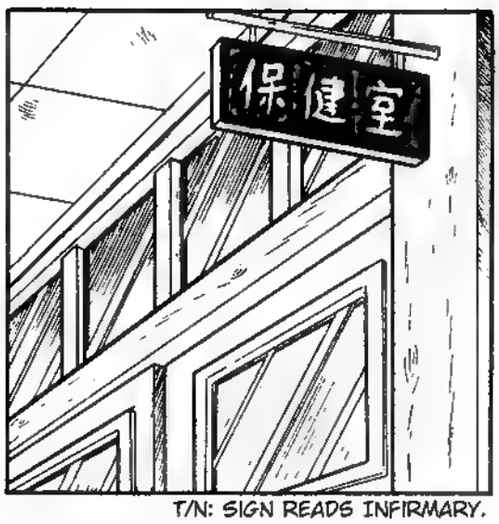
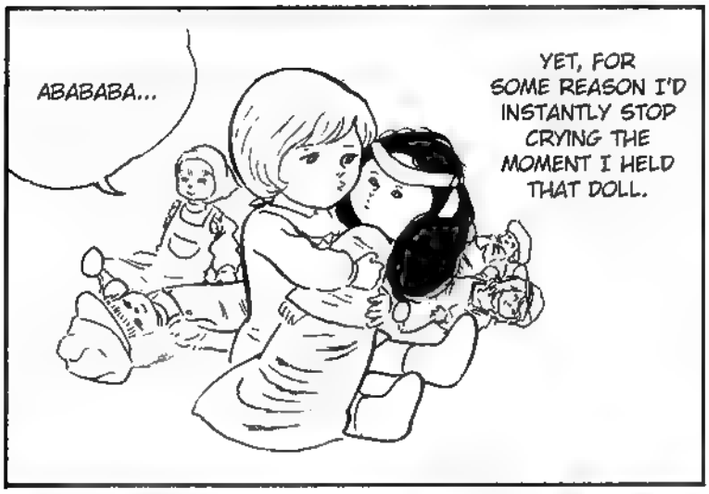
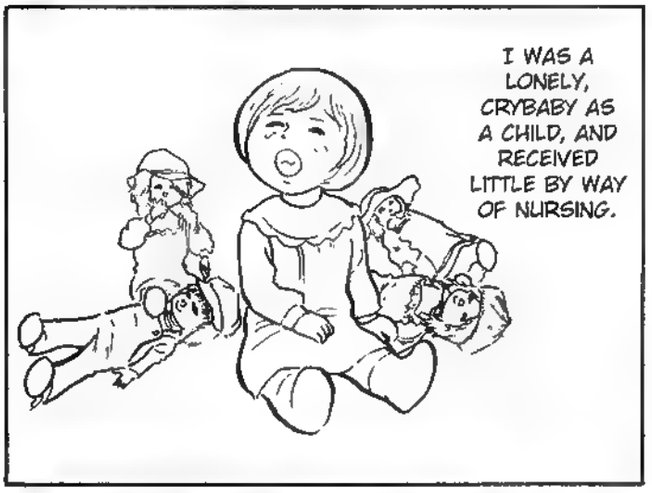
THE FOLLOW-ING DAY....
AH!
I GUESS THIS SHOWS SHE REALLY IS A CREEPY KID...
SHE'D SUFFERED A SEVERE WOUND AND YET...
AAH...
EH?
UUUH...



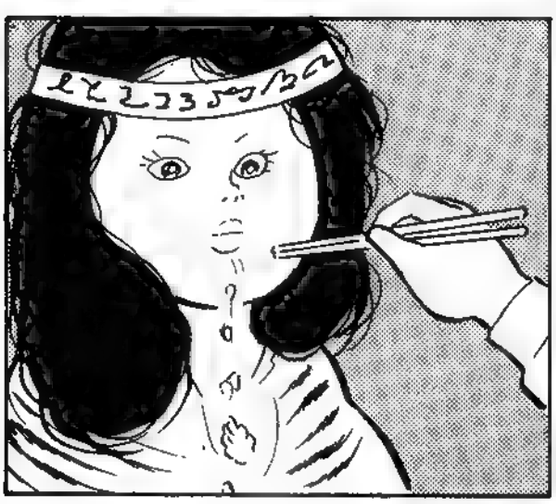
T/N: SIGN READS INFIRMARY.

I'VE NEVER LET GO OF IT SINCE I WAS A BABY.
I JUST KNOW THAT I'VE LOST THAT PRECIOUS DOLL OF MINE.


ABABABA...
YET, FOR SOME REASON I'D INSTANTLY STOP CRYING THE MOMENT I HELD THAT DOLL.

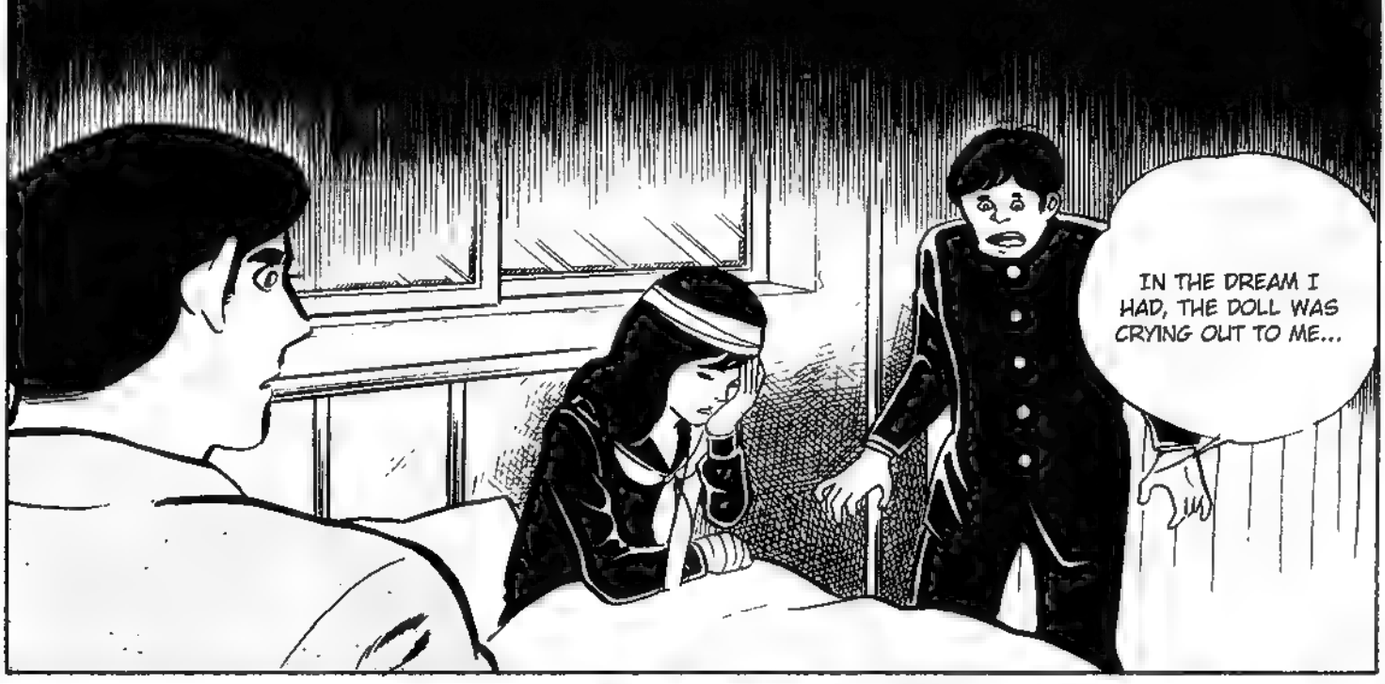

I WAS A LONELY, CRYBABY AS A CHILD, AND RECEIVED LITTLE BY WAY OF NURSING.

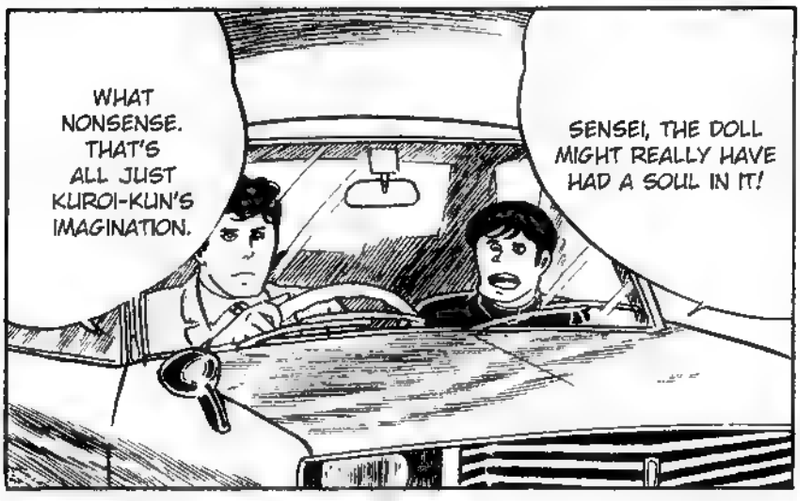
I'M SURE IT WAS WHEN I WAS AROUND TWO...

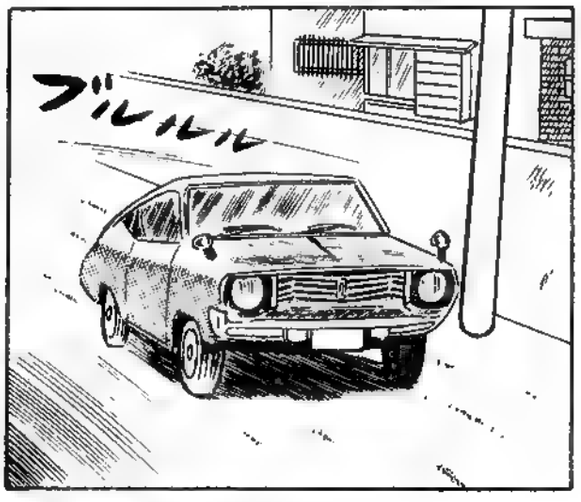


I'D NEVER GET TIRED OF IT, AND BE IN GOOD SPIRITS THROUGH THE DAY.

RELUCTANTLY, HE CAME UP WITH A WAY FOR IT TO EAT.
I TROUBLED MY FATHER OVER THE FACT THAT THE DOLL COULD NOT EAT FOOD.
YOU'RE A VERY MESSY EATER.
OH MY, OH MY. THERE'S NO HELPING YOU GUMI-CHAN.
FROM THEN ON I WAS ALL THE MORE AFFECTIONATE WITH THE DOLL.
AND HERE'S GUMI-CHAN'S.
HERE'S YOUR PRESENT.
PAPA AND MAMA TREATED THE DOLL AS DEARLY AS THEY TREATED ME.
WE CAN UNDERSTAND THE OTHER'S HEART.
IT'S FAIR TO SAY THEN, THAT SHE'S NOT JUST A NORMAL DOLL, BUT CLOSER TO A LITTLE SISTER.
MAMA WOULD MAKE MATCHING CLOTHES FOR US.


IN THE DREAM I HAD, THE DOLL WAS CRYING OUT TO ME...


WHAT NONSENSE. THAT'S ALL JUST KUROI-KUN'S IMAGINATION.
SENSEI, THE DOLL MIGHT REALLY HAVE HAD A SOUL IN IT!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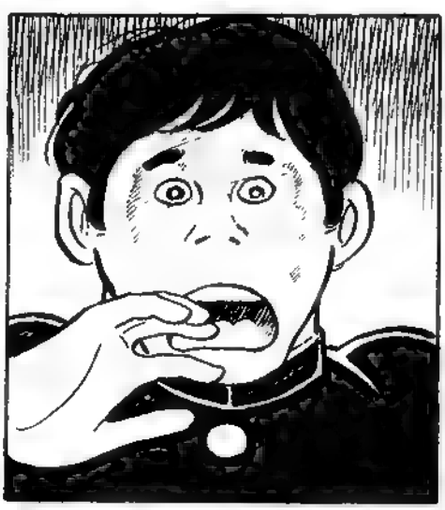
AHAHAHA. THAT'S JUST A MYTH.

THAT DOLL MAY BE POSSESSED BY THE SOUL OF A LOVED CHILD.
BUT IT'S SAID THAT THE HAIR OF THE CHRYSANTHEMUM DOLLS WHICH DECORATE HOKKAIDO'S BUDDHIST TEMPLES HAVE BEEN GROWING FOR 50 YEARS.

YOU SHOULD GET A COFFEE WHEN WE GET BACK TO MY HOUSE.
YOU'RE NOT LOOKING TOO WELL MATSUOKA.
W... WHO DUG IT UP?!
THE BURIED DOLL!
AAH!
AAARGH... SENSEI, YOUR NECK...!
I... IT COULDN'T BE SENSEI!

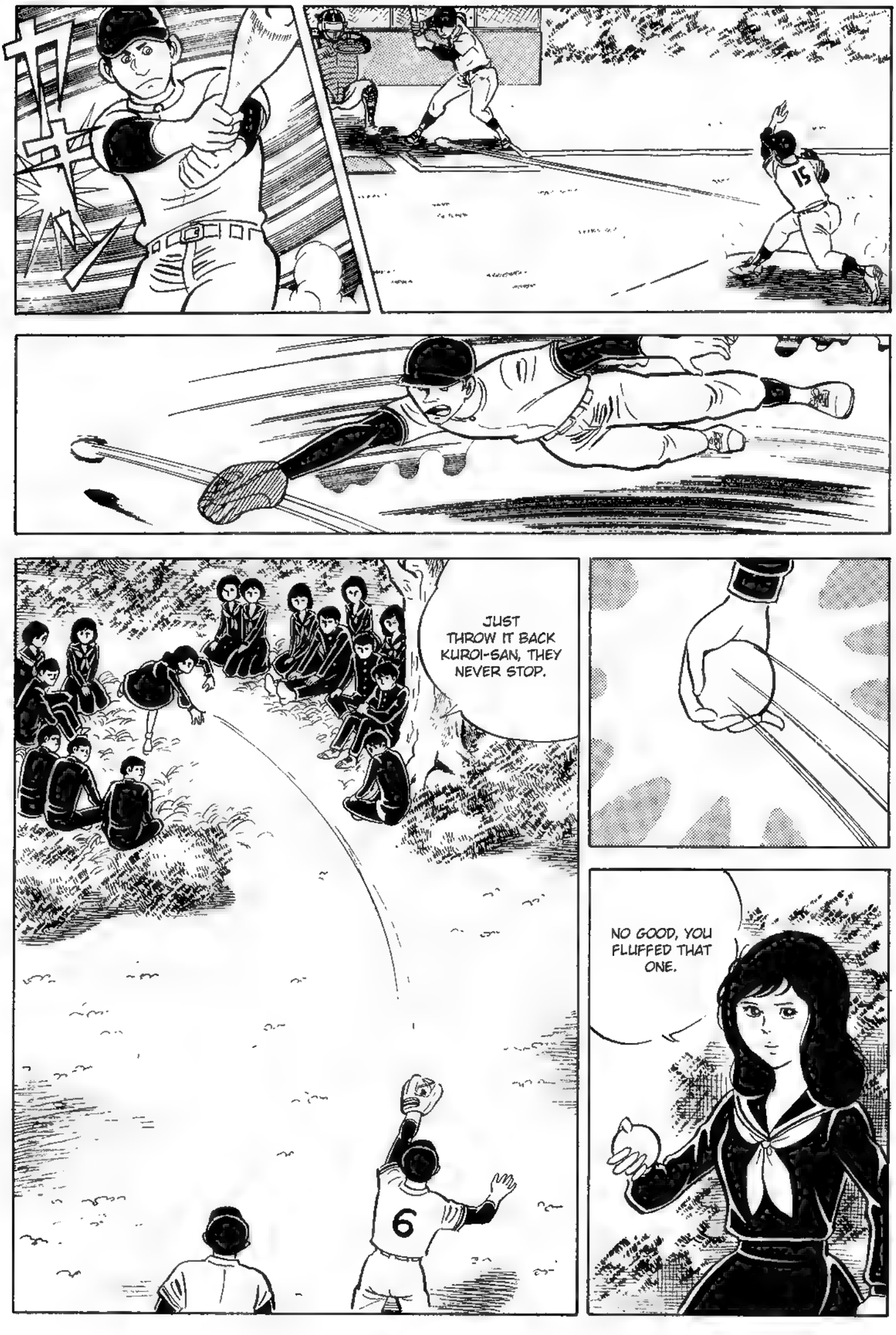
YOU STILL DON'T SEEM TO BELIEVE IT, MATSUOKA-KUN.
TH... THE DOLL'S A KILLER...
WELL DONE, YOU STRUCK DOWN MY FOE.
IF YOU WANT PROOF THEN...
THE DOLL CAN UNDERSTAND MY FEELINGS.

OHOHOHO!



EKO EKO AZARÁK!
EKO EKO ZAMERAK!

♣ CONJURING


JUST THROW IT BACK KUROI-SAN, THEY NEVER STOP.
NO GOOD, YOU FLUFFED THAT ONE.
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WELL THEN, I'LL NEED SOMEONE TO HELP ME.
FORGET ABOUT THAT THOUGH, SHOW US THIS CONJURING YOU'RE SO PROUD OF.

THIS WILL BE EXTREMELY DANGEROUS MAGIC, SO I HAVE TO HAVE A BRAVE PERSON.
PLEASE HOLD ON A MOMENT.

I WILL!
ALRIGHT, I'LL DO IT!

STOP IT YOSHIOKA! YOU'RE NO GOOD IN FRONT OF CUTE GIRLS...
WELL, GUESS I'LL DO IT.

M... ME TOO.
IF IT'S DANGEROUS THEN I'M OUT.

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NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES YOU TRY, YOU ALWAYS END UP FAINT.
THE HELL WAS THAT KAWANAKA! SAY THAT AGAIN!

STOP THAT KAWANAKA!
BASTARD, HOW DARE YOU!
SHIT... IMMA REMEMBER THIS...
THOSE TWO ONLY EVER FIGHT.
BUT THEY'RE SO UNPLEASANT.
I THOUGHT WE COULD ALL JUST ENJOY OURSELVES...
EH, INSIDE IT...?
AT ANY RATE, WOULD YOU PLEASE ENTER THE BOX, YOSHIOKA-KUN.
EVERYONE, WOULD YOU PLEASE CONFIRM THAT THERE'S NOTHING ELSE BY THE BOX.

WITH THAT, PLEASE PUT THE LID ON, AND BIND IT WITH ROPE...
IT'S DEFINITELY JUST A WOODEN BOX.
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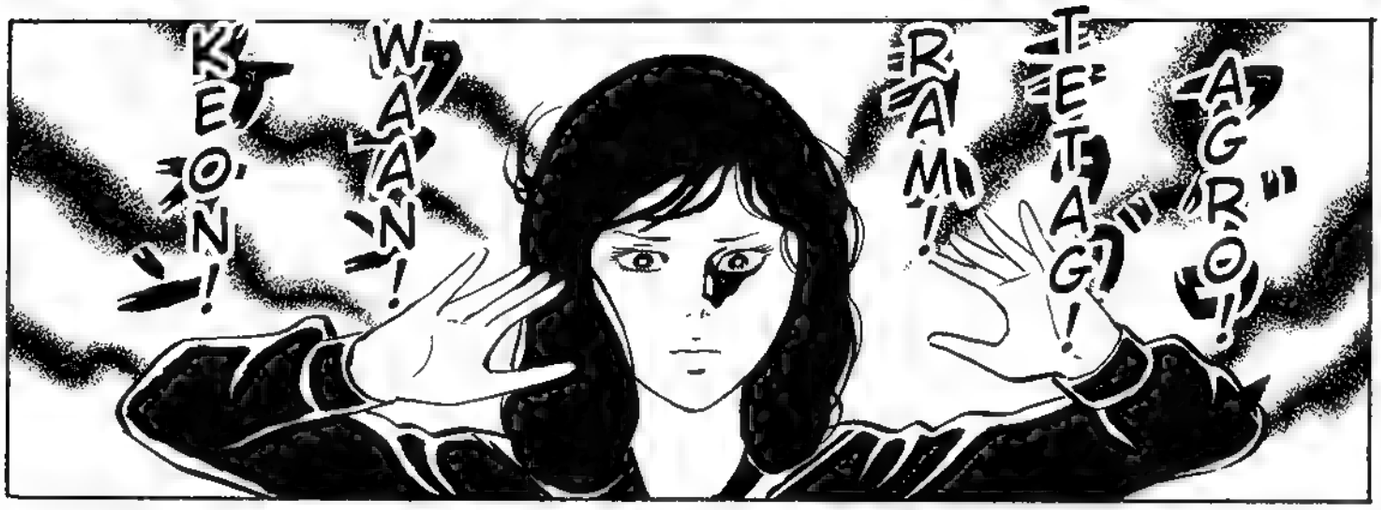
AH, GASOLINE?!

AAAARGH!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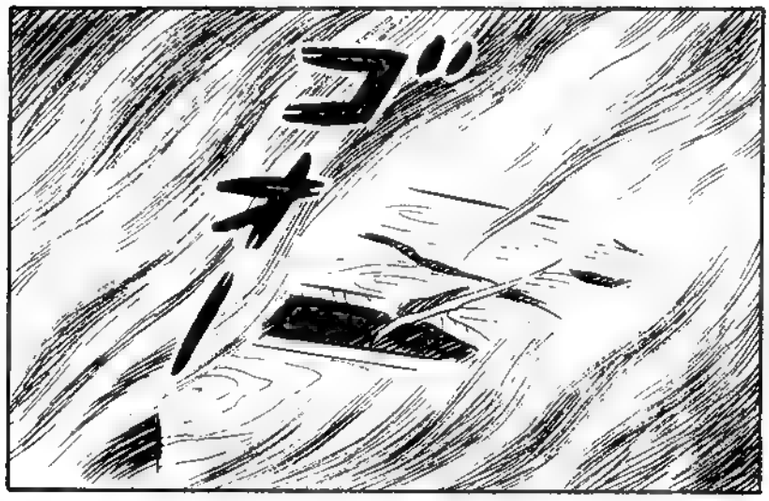
TETAG!
RAM!
WAAN!
KEON!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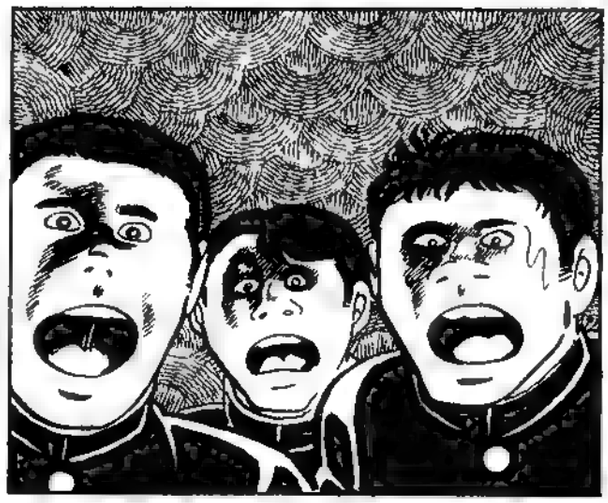
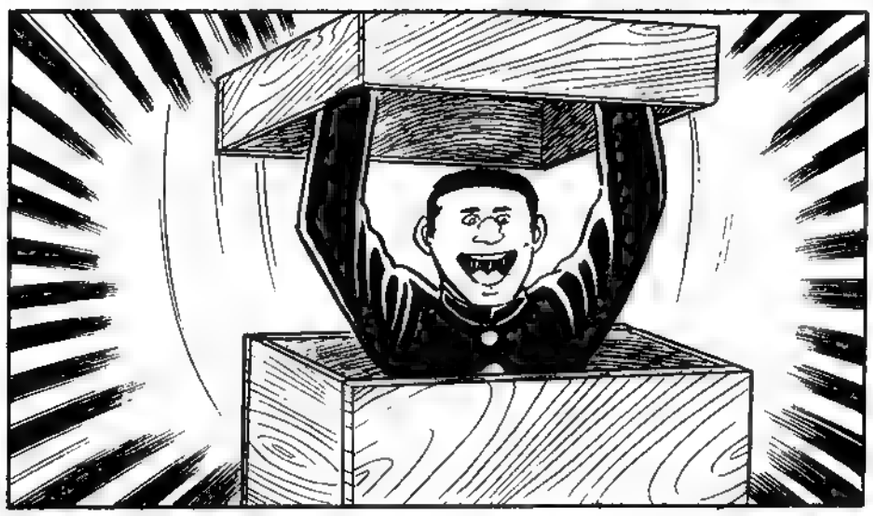


HUH, LOOK. IS THAT ANOTHER BOX?



ARGH, YOSHIOKA'S GONE!

HOW WONDERFUL!
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WAAAAH!

I HEARD KUROI-SAN'S CHANTS, THEN SUDDENLY FAINTED.
HUH?

I DON'T KNOW EITHER.
COME ON YOSHIOKA, TELL US THE TRICK.

FUFU...
HOW TERRIFYING.
SO THAT WAS HER CONJURING.
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YES... THERE WERE NO TRICKS OR TOOLS, IT WAS BLACK MAGIC...
PLEASE, TEACH ME KUROI-SAN.
AND SO, DURING SELF STUDY...
KUROI-SAAAN.
NO GOOD, NO GOOD. NOT JUST ANYONE CAN USE BLACK MAGIC.

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OKAY, I'LL THROW IT.
SORRY, BUT COULD YOU LEND ME YOUR FOUNTAIN PEN.
AH!
OW!
WH... WHO WAS THAT?!
H... HUH?!
YOSHIOKA! IT WAS YOU!

DON'T TRY AND CAUSE A FUSS!
I... IT WASN'T HIM KAWANAKA-KUN, I WAS...
WOMEN SHOULD STAY OUT OF IT!
ARE YOU OKAY KUROI-SAN?
ENOUGH ALREADY!
IT'S JUST A LIGHT SCRATCH, IT'LL BE FINE.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
I'M REALLY SORRY ABOUT THAT.
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AND HE THINKS THE SAME TOO I BET...
THE CAUSE EH... WELL, I JUST CAN'T STAND HIM.
WHAT WAS THE CAUSE OF THIS HATRED?
I'M GONNA HAVE TO EVENTUALLY SETTLE THINGS WITH THAT KAWANAKA.
WOULDN'T IT BE TERRIBLE TO JUST CAUSE TROUBLE EVERY DAY YOU RUN INTO HIM?
MM, I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT...
YOU SHOULD TRY AND GET ON HIM WITH...
I MEAN, WHETHER YOU LIKE IT OR NOT, YOU'RE STUCK IN THE SAME CLASS AS HIM FOR THE YEAR.
BUT YOU CAN'T JUDGE SOMEONE BY THEIR APPEARANCE ALONE, CAN YOU.
SO YOU DON'T GET ALONG THEN...
HE IS THE PERSISTENT SORT...
STILL, YOU KNOW KAWANAKA'S BOUND TO WANNA TRY AND BEAT YOU UP.
TCH. YOU REALLY ARE WEAK TO CUTE GIRLS.
SO GIVEN THAT, I'M GONNA DO AS SHE SAID AND NOT FIGHT WITH KAWANAKA ANYMORE.

HEHEHE, I MADE A PROMISE TO KUROI-SAN.
HEH, SEEMS YOU'VE REALLY CHANGED.
BUT THERE'S NOT A LOT TO DO ABOUT IT, I'VE GIVEN UP.
GUESS HE SLIPPED OUT OF HIS CHAIN AGAIN.
MASAO, PES IS GONE!
...
PES, PES!
NO HELPING THAT DOG, WHERE'S HE GOTTEN TO?!

HEEEY, SO THERE YOU WERE PES. YOU HAD ME WORRIED TONS.
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UFUFUFU...
WHAT A MONGREL!
HMPH!

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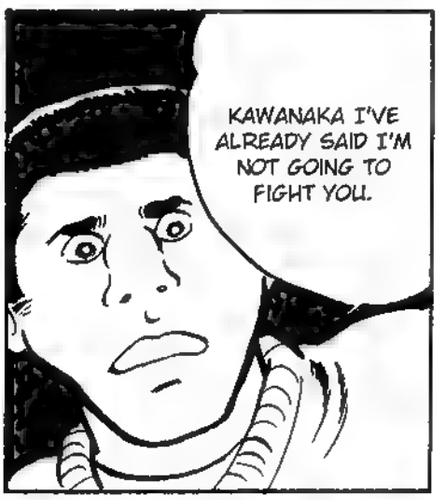
SEEMS THAT EVEN OUR DOGS CAN'T GET ALONG.

UFUFU. THAT WON'T DO NOW.
SCARED TO DEATH OF MY DOG ARE YOU?


KAWANAKA I'VE ALREADY SAID I'M NOT GOING TO FIGHT YOU.

WE'RE GONNA SETTLE THIS ONCE AND FOR ALL!

ST... STOP THAT!
AAAH, HAHAHA!

HM?!
EHOUGH GON, LEAVE IT AT THAT.
SERVES YOU RIGHT.
GEEEH... HE'S... HE'S DEAD!
O... OI, YOSHIOKA!

GON... THE DOG KILLED HIM!
I... IT WASN'T ME!
MY DOG KILLED HIM, IT WASN'T ME!
HAAH, HAAH, HAAH...
HE WAS MAULED BY A SAVAGE DOG, HOW FRIGHTENING...
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT, YOSHIOKA-KUN'S DEAD...
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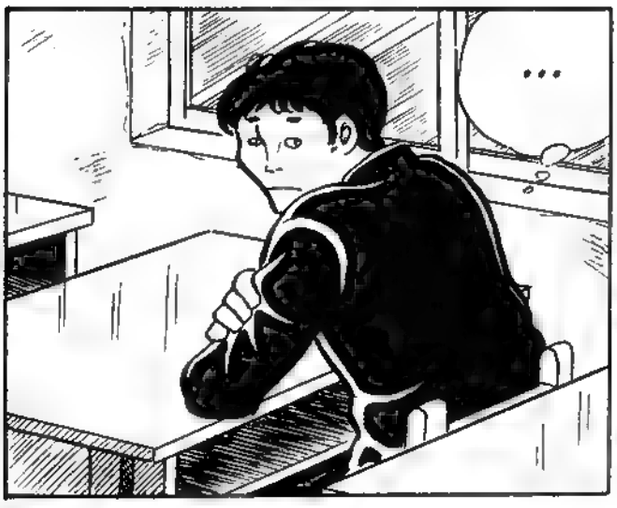

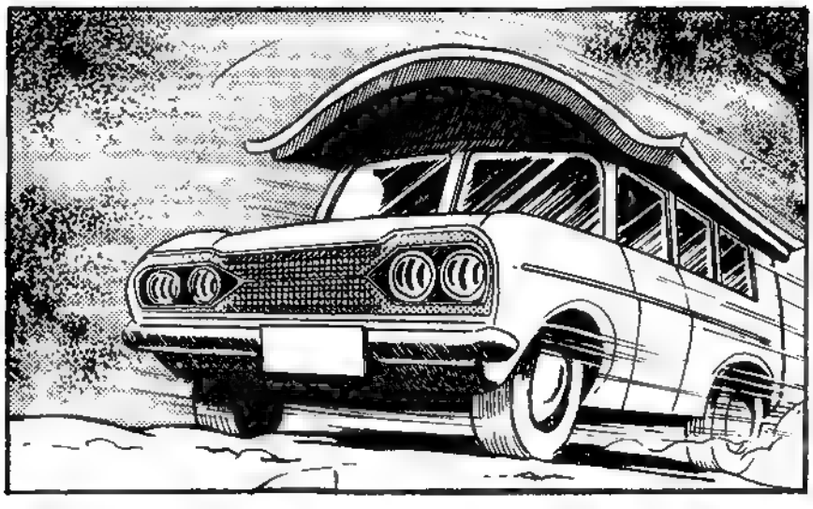

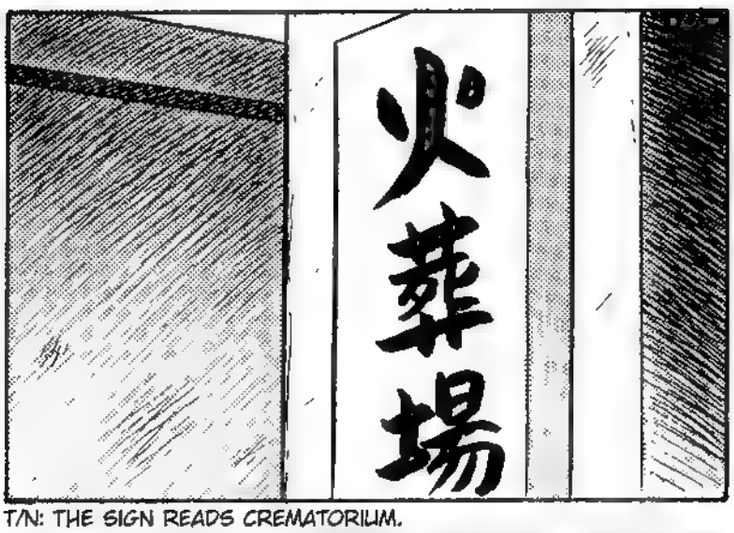

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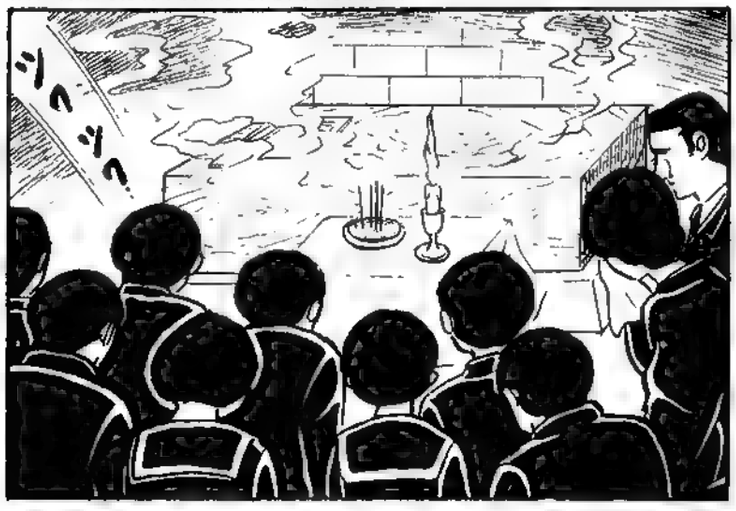

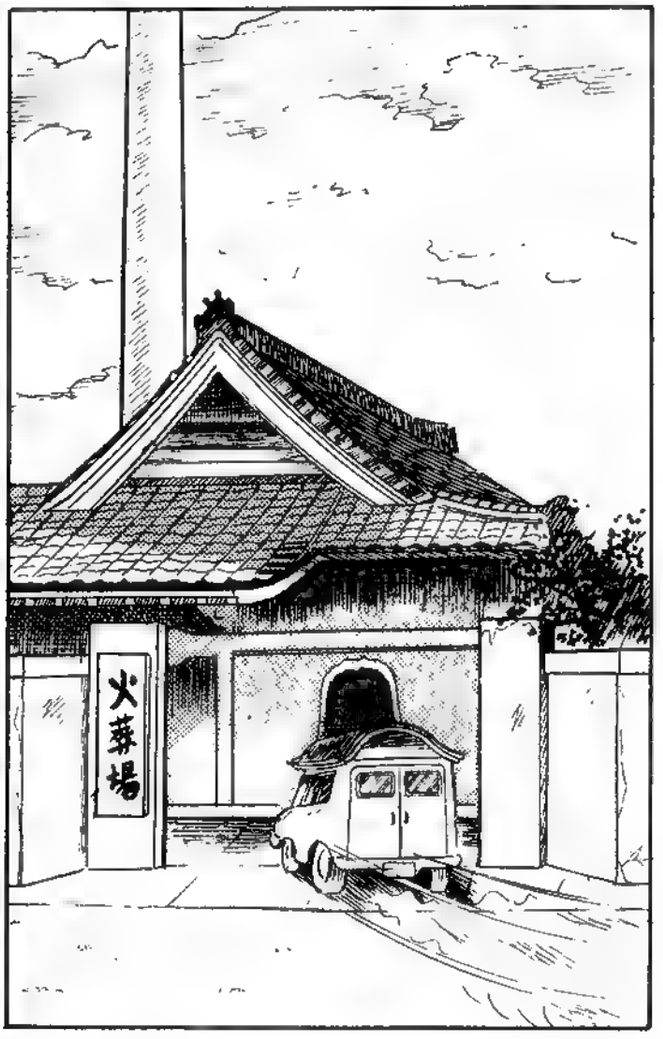

ARGH...
YOSHIOKA-KUN, UUUH...
YOU MAY NOW ALL PAY YOUR FINAL RESPECTS...
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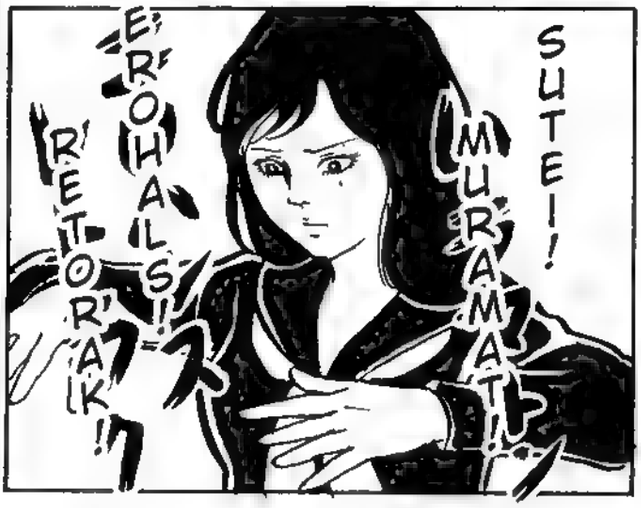
AGURON!
TETAGRA!
MUWAIKEON!

LOOK, SHE'S CASTING ANOTHER SPELL!

HUH? WHAT'S KUROI-SAN DOING?


SUTE!
MURAMA!
EROHAIS!
RETORAK!

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KENON!!
SUTEIMA!!
MATON!
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AH, THE BOX MOVED!
WOULD YOU COME ON OUT...
NOW, YOSHIOKA-KUN...
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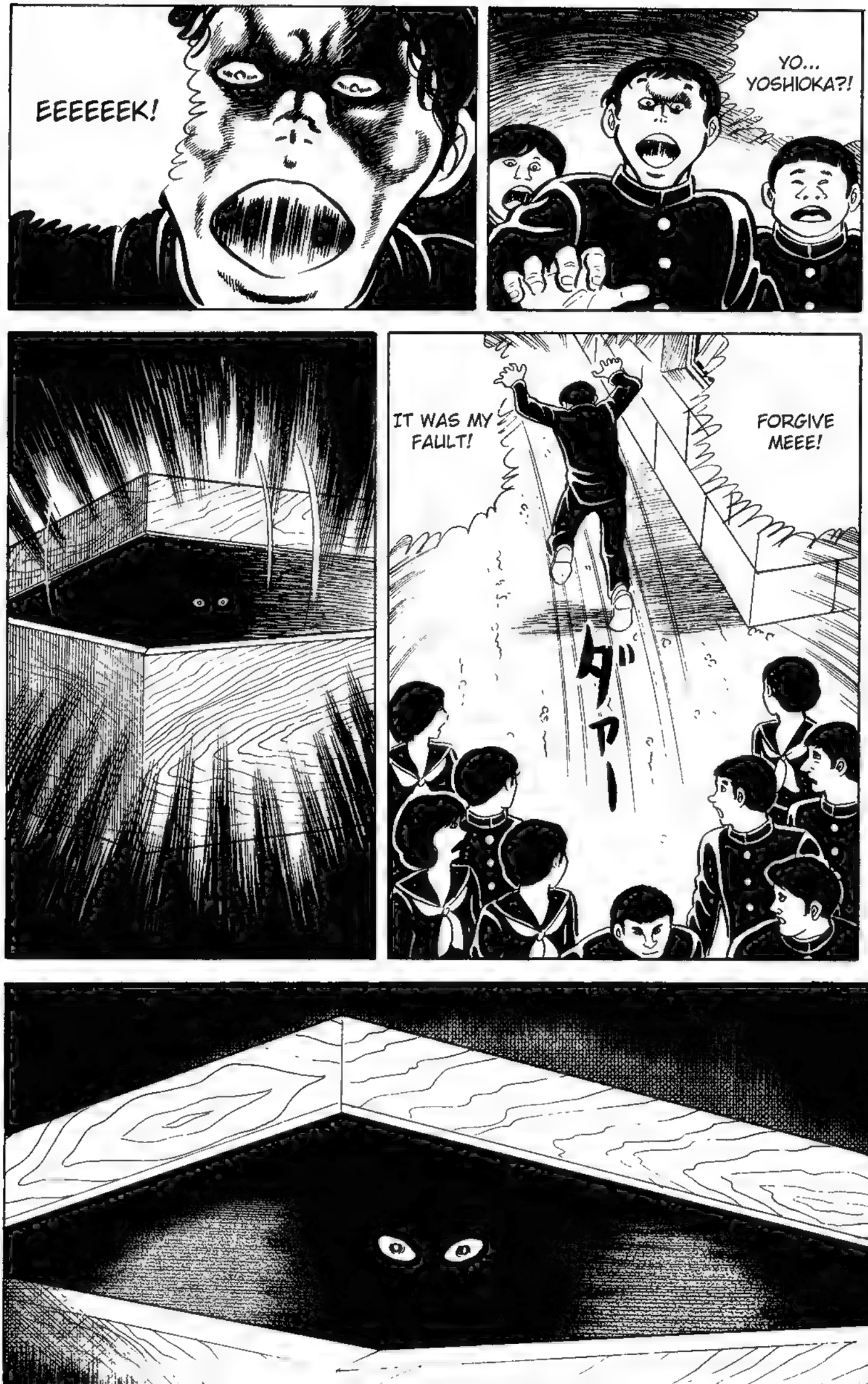
AH


EEEEEEK!
YO... YOSHIOKA?!
IT WAS MY FAULT!
FORGIVE MEEE!
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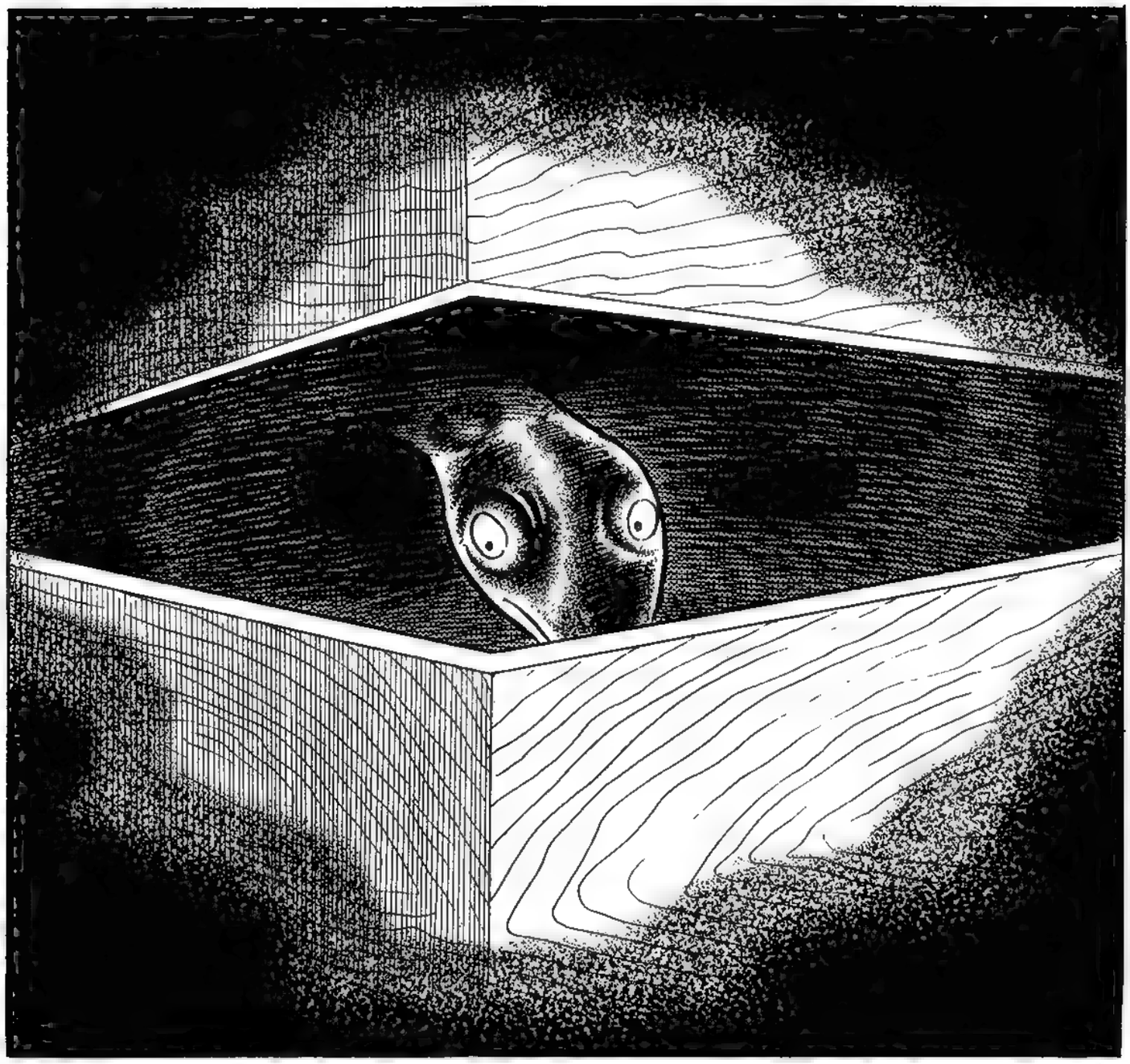

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THAT'S MY PET.
ドサッ
YOU'RE FAR MORE AMAZING THAN ANY WILD DOG.
NOW, COME HERE, COME HERE.
EKO EKO ZAMERAK!
EKO EKO AZARAK!

♣ THE DESERTED TOWN

SURE.
GO KEEP WATCH IN CASE SOMEONE COMES.
HEEEY! EVERYONE GATHER ROOOUND!
WE'VE MORE BARGAINS FOR SALE.
MM, SO DO I!
ARGH, AMAZING. I WANT THEM ALL.

I GOT THAT FROM MY SISTER.
ARGH, IT'S LOVELY.
OH?
SOME BITS OF THE PRICE TAG STILL SEEM TO BE LEFT ON IT...
SURE IS CHEAP, I'LL TAKE IT...
WELL, HOW'S FIVE HUNDRED YEN SOUND?
HUUH?!
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HOLD ON NOW FUMIKO-CHAN, IT'S POSSIBLE THAT...
THE CASSETTE TAPE'S 300 YEN.
ODD. WHAT IS ALL THIS?
THEY'RE STOLEN?!

SSSH!
HOLD IT.
ビク
DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THEY HEARD THOUGH.
IDIOT.
NO, WE... NOTHING.
WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY, KUROI.
ドス
DON'T MESS AROUND. YOU BITCH, HOW DARE YOU TREAT US LIKE THIEVES!

バギ
I'LL GO GET A TEACHER.
HOW TERRIBLE!

UH!
DON'T TRY AND TALK ALL COOL.
IT WAS MY FAULT.
DON'T WORRY, THERE'S NO NEED FOR THAT...
SHE'S AN ODD MARK ON HER NECK!
HER BAG...?!
FORGET THAT, HAVE A LOOK IN HER BAG...
WHAT'S THE MATTER KAZAMA, NOT GONNA DISCIPLINE HER FURTHER?

JUST AS I THOUGHT...
TO THINK SHE KNEW FULL WELL THAT WE WERE LYING IN WAIT.
HYAHAHAHA!
STILL LOOKING TO BEAT ME UP...?
SO HOW'S ABOUT IT MISA KURO!, WHY NOT JOIN UP WITH US?
FUFUFU. TRUTH IS I'D HEARD SOME RUMOURS ABOUT YOU BEFORE...
YOU HAVE THE MARK OF A WITCH ON YOUR NECK.
TOLD YOU, SHE'S NO ORDINARY SCHOOL GIRL.

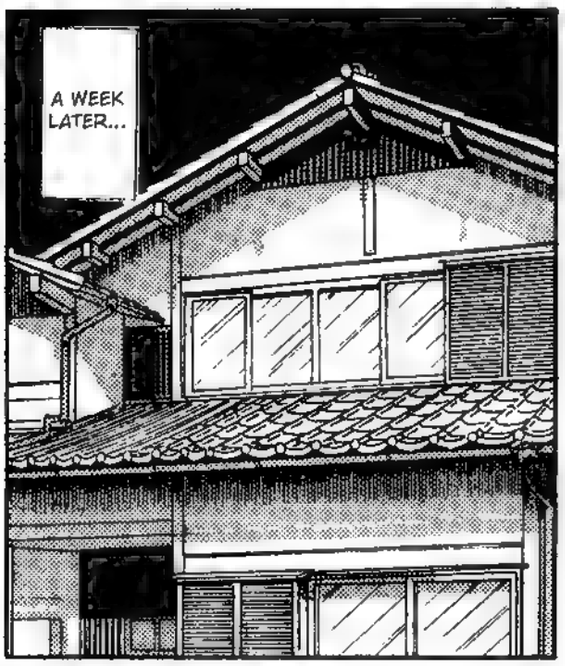
WHICH IS NO HASSLE AT ALL IF YOU'VE THE MONEY.
IT'S FAR MORE INTERESTING PLAYING AROUND, GOING TO THE MOVIES, DRIVING AND ALL THAT.
JUST GOING TO SCHOOL EACH DAY'S NO FUN AT ALL IS IT?
JOIN YOU...?
HEHEHE, I'VE NEVER MESSED UP ONCE.
MM, KAZAMA'S A MASTER SAFECRACKER.
AH, SO THAT'S WHAT YOU LOT WANT...
SO HOW ABOUT IT. TEAM UP WITH US, AND NOTHING BAD NEED HAPPEN.
JUST AS I FIGURED, YOU CATCH ON QUICK MISA KUROI...
SO ALL YOU WANT IS TO ABUSE MY MAGIC?
BUT YOUR BLACK MAGIC'S AMAZING TOO!
QUITE RIGHT, THIS TIME WE'D HURT YOUR LEGS SO BAD YOU WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO STAND!
I UNDERSTAND, REFUSE AND YOU'D JUST HURT ME AGAIN RIGHT...

THERE'LL BE NO NEED FOR THAT.
I'LL TAKE A PRELIMINARY LOOK INTO THE HOUSE WE'RE AFTER BEFORE THEN.
ALRIGHT THAT'S SETTLED. NEXT JOB'S GONNA BE IN A WEEK.

THINGS WILL BE SIMPLE IF I USE MY MAGIC.

OH?!

EKO EKO AZARAK!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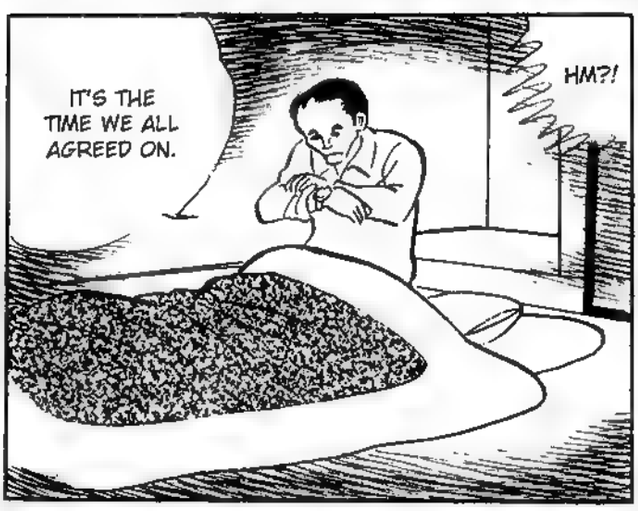

IT'S THE TIME WE ALL AGREED ON.
HM?!

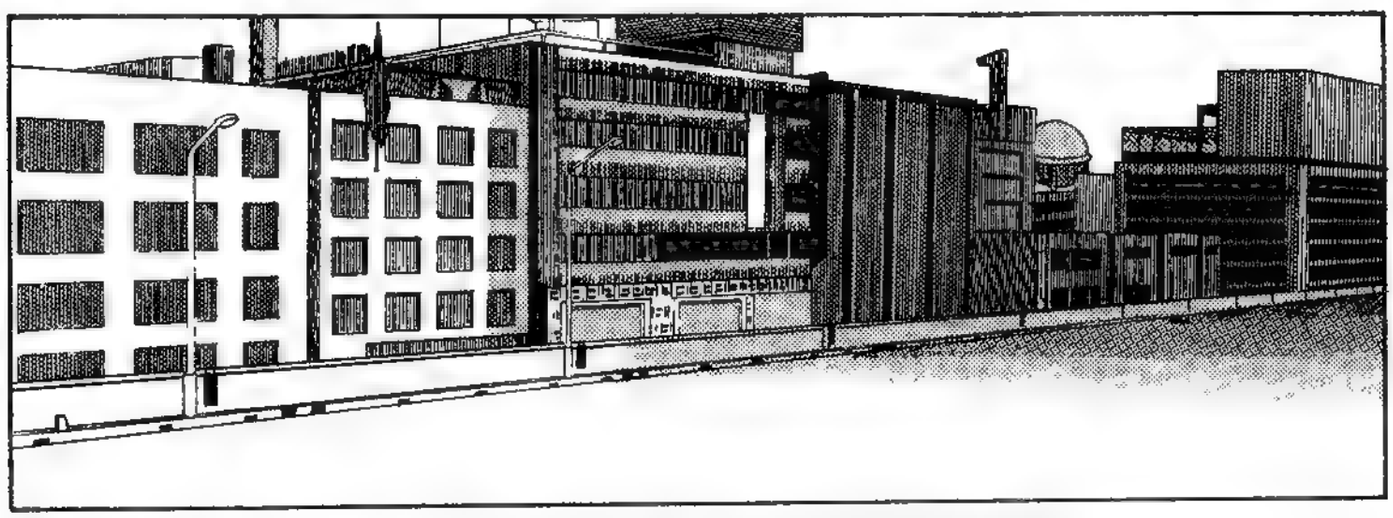
WH... WHAT WAS THAT CREEPY CRY?

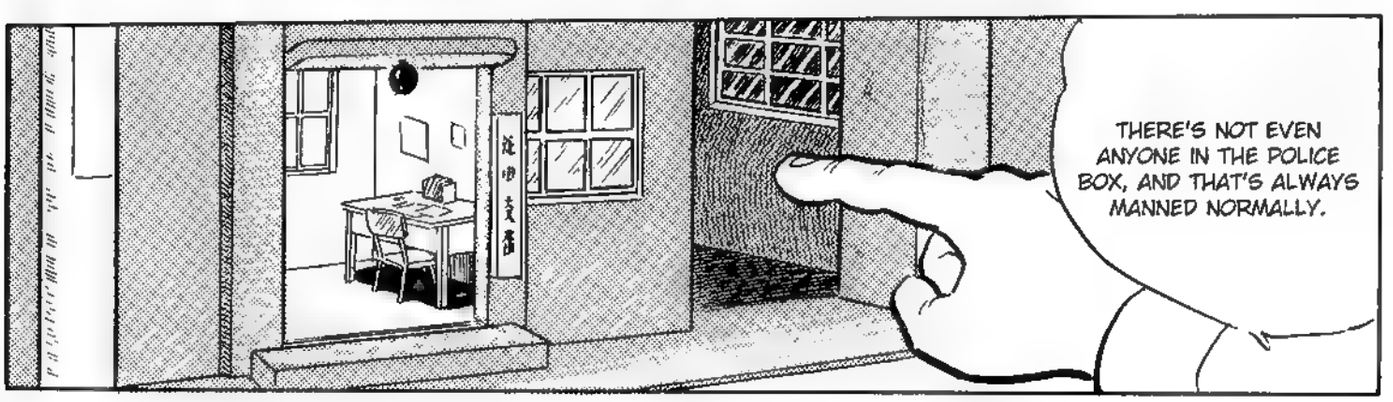
HUH?
MY PARENTS AT LEAST SEEM TO STILL BE SOUND ASLEEP.
SOMETHING'S OFF.
THEY'RE NOT HERE? WHERE COULD THEY HAVE GONE AT THIS SORT OF TIME?
THINGS ARE TOTALLY DIFFERENT.
IT'S SO DARK OUTSIDE.
THE BITCH'S BETRAYED US!
NOT HERE EITHER.
WHAT ABOUT KUROI?
YOU'RE LATE AREN'T YOU KAZAMA?

NOW NOW, MIGHT BE TOO SOON TO DECIDE SHE'S A TRAITOR.
SHIIIT, SHE'S MOCKING US!

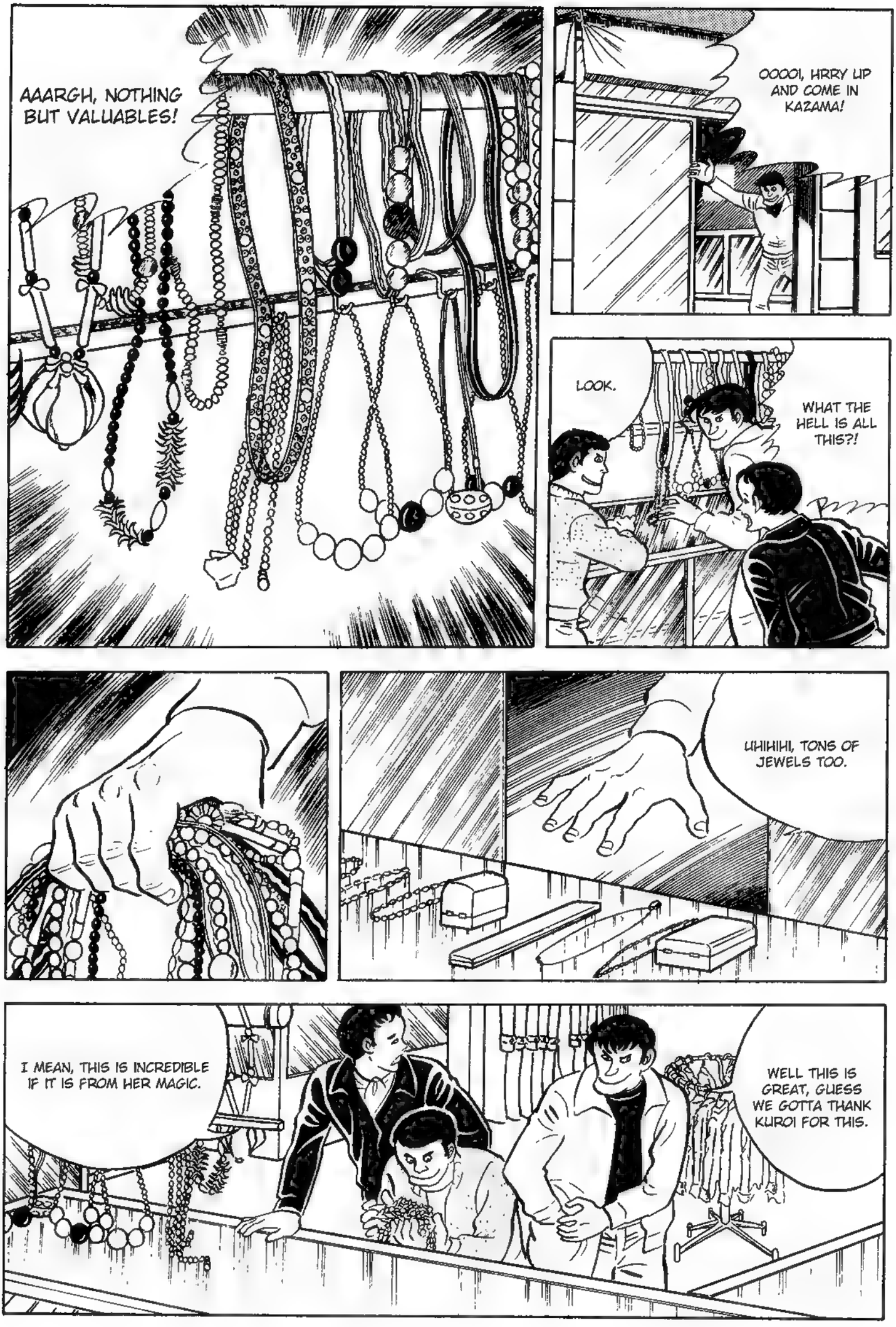
MM, COME TO MENTION IT, THERE'S NO CARS EITHER.
TAKE A LOOK, THE TOWN IS DARK AND NO ONE'S AROUND.

HEHE, DON'T YOU FEEL LIKE TONIGHT'S JOB IS GONNA BE PRETTY DAMN EASY?
WHATCHA MEAN?

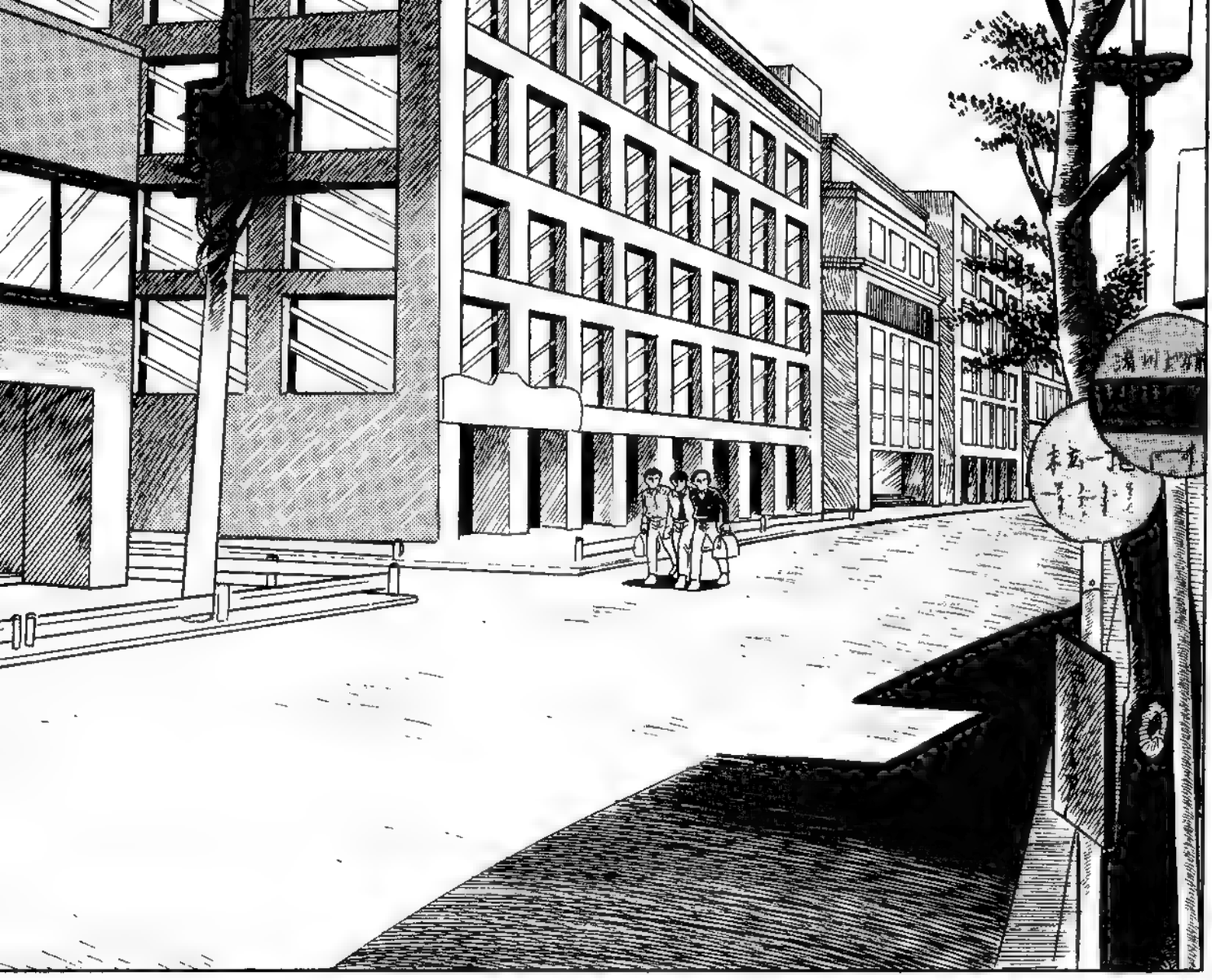



THERE'S NOT EVEN ANYONE IN THE POLICE BOX, AND THAT'S ALWAYS MANNED NORMALLY.

OI, IT'S THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, YET THE SHOP DOORS ARE ALL OPEN!
SO, YOU'RE SAYING KUROI'S USED BLACK MAGIC?!
THIS IS NO MERE COINCIDENCE KAZAMA...
WH... WHAT IS ALL THIS?!
IT'S LIKE THEY'RE SAYING WE CAN TAKE WHAT WE WANT!
ON TOP OF THAT, EVEN THE SHOP ASSISTANTS ARE GONE.
THEY ALL ARE.


AAARGH, NOTHING BUT VALUABLES!
OOOOI, HRRY UP AND COME IN KAZAMA!
LOOK.
WHAT THE HELL IS ALL THIS?!
UHIHIHI, TONS OF JEWELS TOO.
I MEAN, THIS IS INCREDIBLE IF IT IS FROM HER MAGIC.
WELL THIS IS GREAT, GUESS WE GOTTA THANK KUROI FOR THIS.

OH?!
M... MONEY!
AAAARGH!
STILL, THIS IS ALL SO EERIE, THERE'S NOT EVEN A KITTEN PASSING BY.
OKAY!
JUST IN CASE, GO STAND GUARD OUTSIDE.



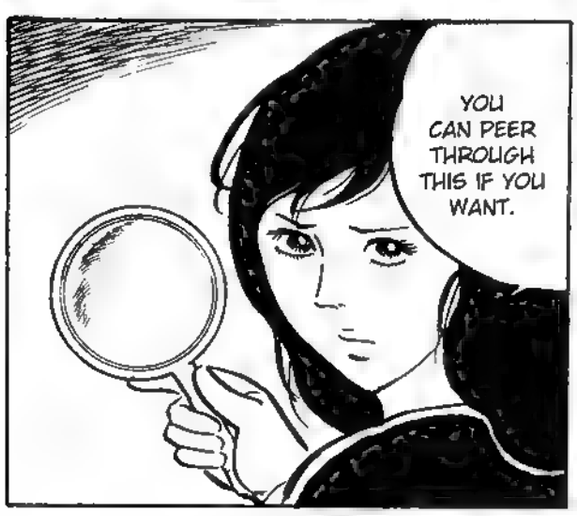
BUT WE'VE WALKED SO FAR AND NOT SEE A SOUL. ISN'T THAT UNUSUAL.
THAT'S BULLSHIT!

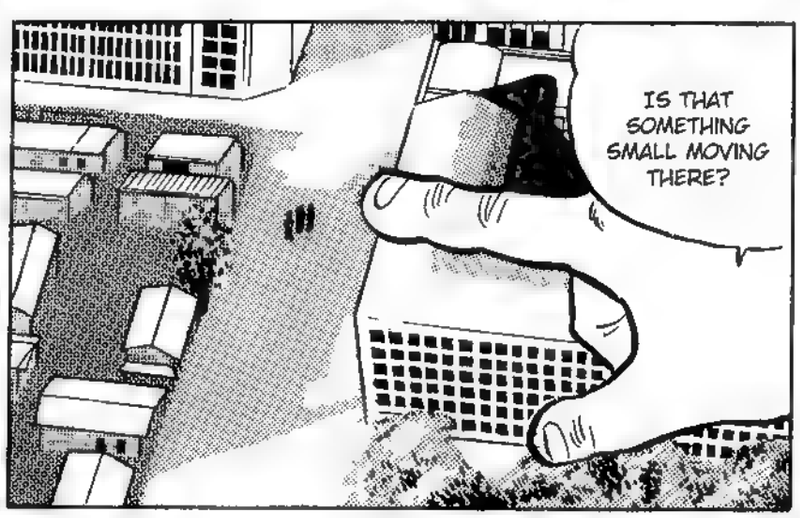
PERHAPS WE'RE ALL JUST SEEING A DREAM.
YOU KNOW, THE SMOOTHER THIS GOES, THE CREEPIER IT BECOMES.

MM... LIKE A WORLD OF DEATH...

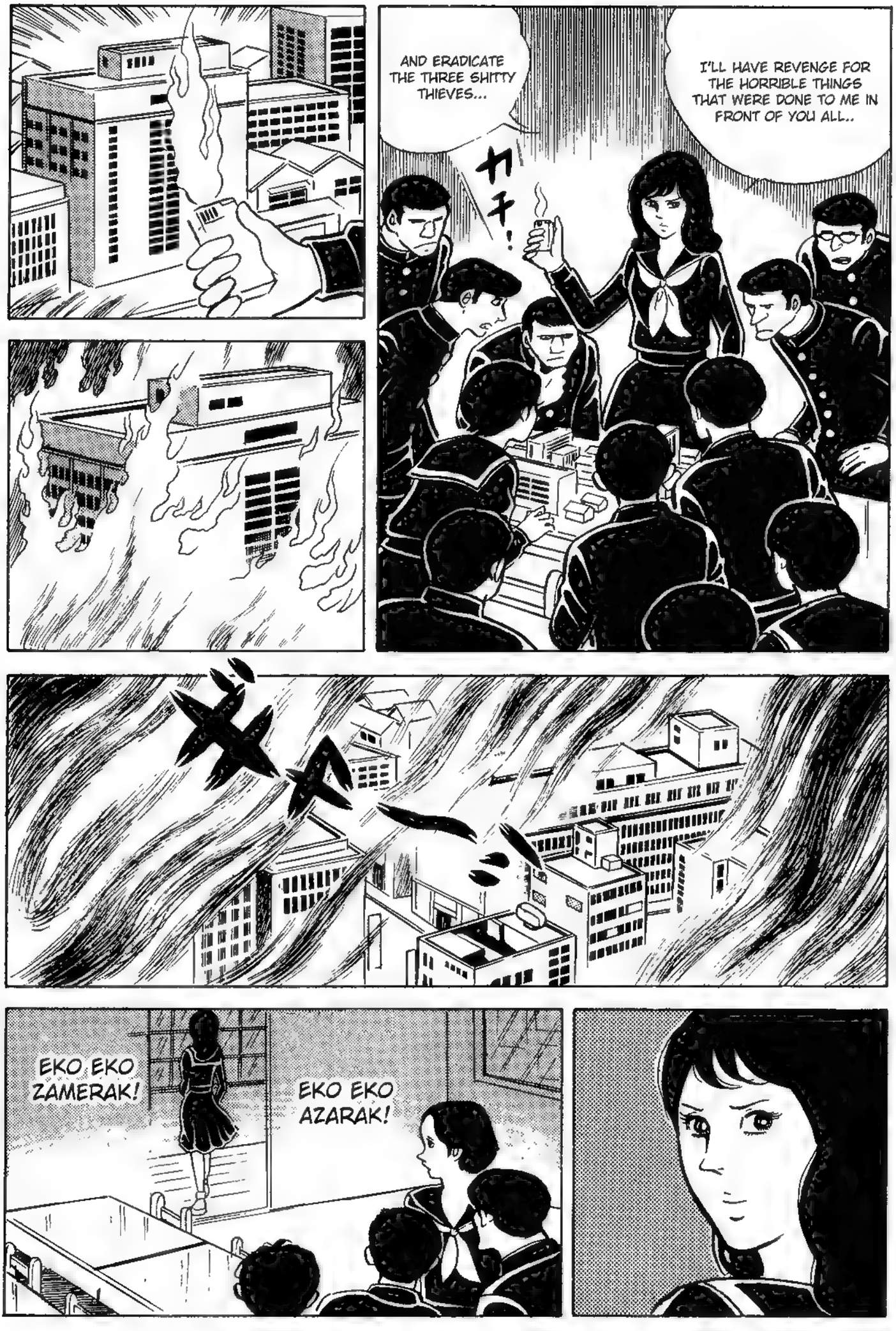
IT ALL LOOKS SO DELICIOUS.
NANA
フランス菓子
I'M KINDA HUNGRY THOUGH.
NO ONE'S IN THIS SHOP.
GEEH!
UH?!
L... LET'S GO CHECK THE OTHER STUFF.
WELL AIN'T THAT ODD...
MINES MADE FROM PAPER TOO!
AAARGH, THIS IS AN IMITATION!
THE LEAF'S MADE OF PAPER TOO!
AAAAAARGH!

IT REALLY IS ALL FAKE!
AND THE CASH?!
TH... THE JEWELS COULD BE TOO...
OH, YOU'RE EARLY KUROI-SAN.
HEY.
GOOD MORNING.
中学校
IT'S CERTAINLY VERY DETAILED.
WELL, TO BE PRECISE IT'S THE TOWN WE LIVE IN.
JUST BUILDING AND HOUSE MODELS.
WHAT DID YOU MAKE THERE?


YOU CAN PEER THROUGH THIS IF YOU WANT.


IS THAT SOMETHING SMALL MOVING THERE?

H... HELP UUUUS!
IS THAT KAZAMA'S GROUP?!
AH!
OHOHOHOH...
WOULD YOU ALL GATHER AROUND.
NOW...


AND ERADICATE THE THREE SHITTY THIEVES...
I'LL HAVE REVENGE FOR THE HORRIBLE THINGS THAT WERE DONE TO ME IN FRONT OF YOU ALL..
カチ!
EKO EKO ZAMERAK!
EKO EKO AZARAK!

♣ THE MIRROR

WE TAKE THE SAME ROAD ONO-KUN, WANT TO GO HOME TOGETHER?
SEEYA LATER.
BYE BYE.
HAS HE BEEN OVERSTUDYING?
ONO-KUN'S BEEN RATHER WEIRD RECENTLY.
WHAT AN ODD BOY...
AH!
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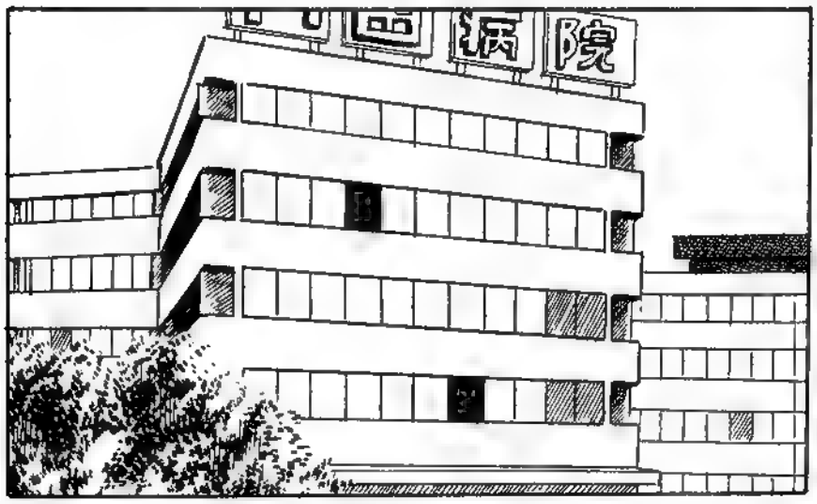
OH MY, HOW SAD.
YES HE HAS. YOU SEE HIS MOTHER'S VERY PUSHY WHEN IT COMES TO HIS EDUCATION...

WATCH OUT!



KU... KUROI-SAN!

I'M FINE. MAYBE IF IT'D BEEN A DUMP TRUCK, OR A TRAILER...
I MEAN, I FIGURED YOU WERE A GONER GOING UP AGAINST A BUS.

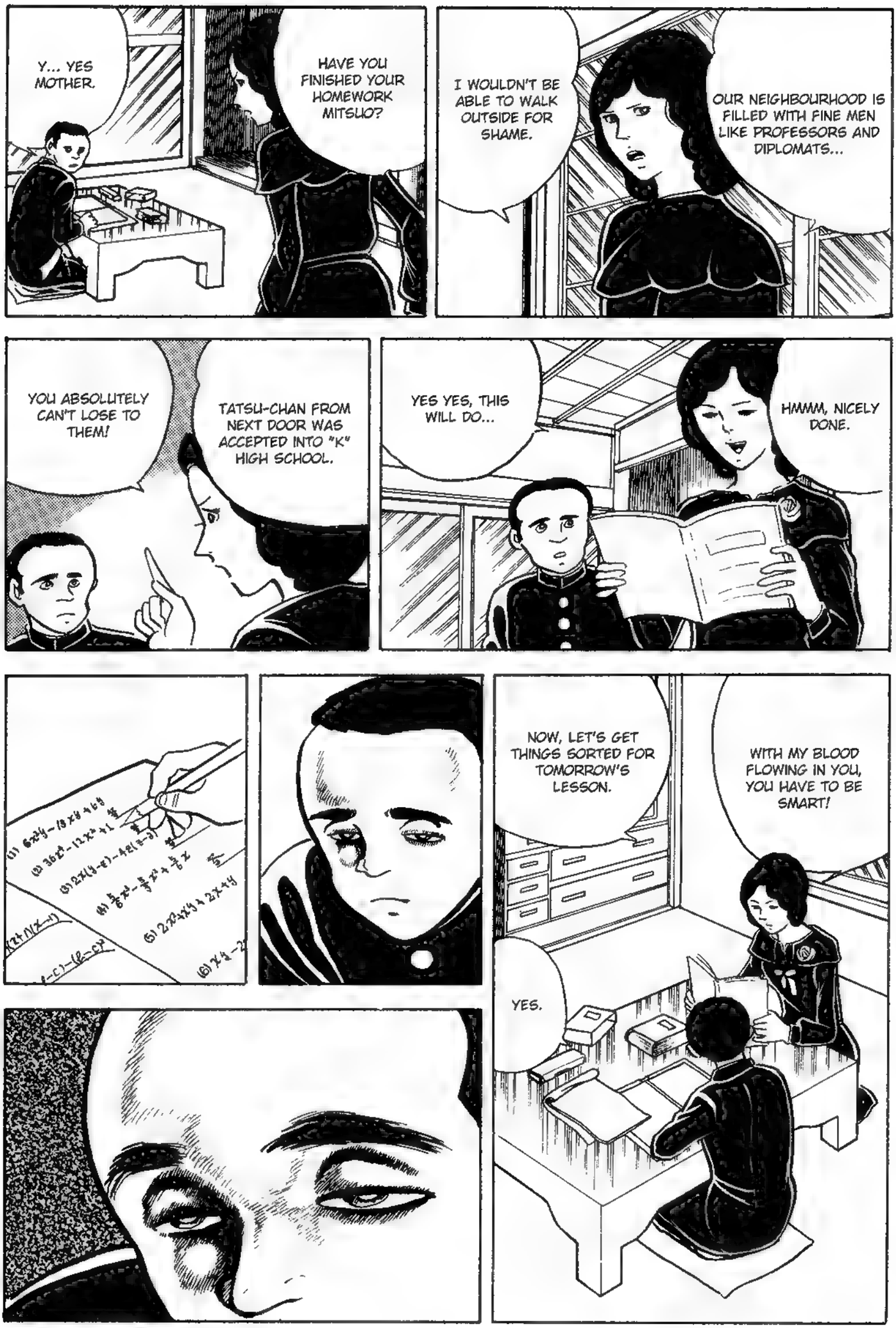
THANK GOODNESS YOU'RE NOT TOO BADLY HURT.
YOUR COMPLEXION LOOKS GOOD TOO WHICH IS A RELIEF.

ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
DON'T BE SILLY NOW, YOU NEEDN'T PUSH YOURSELF JUST BECAUSE WE'RE ALL HERE.

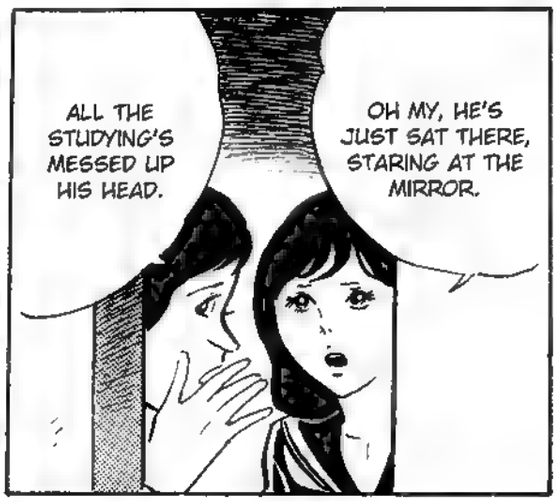
OW!

WHAT A THOUGHTLESS GUY!
MM.
STILL, ONO-KUN HASN'T VISITED YOU YET HAS HE? DESPITE YOU SAVING HIM FROM DEATH!
MM, HOW BORING.
FOR NOW YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO GO TO SCHOOL.
DON'T BE TOO NASTY, I'M SURE HE'S GOT ALL SORTS OF THINGS GOING ON.
I NEVER COULD STAND HIM ANYWAY. SHIT, I'LL GO BEAT HIM UP.
IT WOULD BE FINE IF EVEN HIS MUM OR DAD CAME.
IT'S FINE, IT'S FINE. THERE'S NO NEED, I'M NOT BOTHERED.
YEAH, IT'S JUST RIGHT THAT HE COME THANK YOU.
BUT YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SAVED HIS LIFE.
小野
HIS MUM IS MEANT TO BE PRETTY STERN THOUGH...

HOW ARE THINGS WITH MITSUO?
HE'S STILL NOT FINISHED STUDYING.
IF THINGS REMAIN AS THEY ARE, HE HAS NO HOPE OF GOING INTO THE MOST DESIREABLE HIGH SCHOOLS.
HIS RESULTS THIS TERM WERE EXTREMELY POOR.
I WOULD RATHER YOU NOT TALK ABOUT MY EDUCATION METHODS, DEAR.
WON'T HE BE GETTING HUNGRY BY NOW?
I DO NOT WISH FOR HIM TO BE LIKE YOU, A SIMPLE WORKER WITH NO ACADEMIC BACKGROUND.
BUT...
WHILE TRUE, I'M NOT SURE YOU NEED TO FORCE HIM TO DO THIS.


Y... YES MOTHER.
HAVE YOU FINISHED YOUR HOMEWORK MITSUO?
I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO WALK OUTSIDE FOR SHAME.
OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD IS FILLED WITH FINE MEN LIKE PROFESSORS AND DIPLOMATS...
YOU ABSOLUTELY CAN'T LOSE TO THEM!
TATSU-CHAN FROM NEXT DOOR WAS ACCEPTED INTO "K" HIGH SCHOOL.
YES YES, THIS WILL DO...
HMMM, NICELY DONE.
NOW, LET'S GET THINGS SORTED FOR TOMORROW'S LESSON.
WITH MY BLOOD FLOWING IN YOU, YOU HAVE TO BE SMART!
YES.

GOOD MORNING...
丘中学校
HE SHOULD BE HERE.
WHERE'S ONO-KUN...?
MMM, IT WAS FAR TOO BORING SO I MADE MY ESCAPE.
OUT OF HOSPITAL ALREADY?
OH KUROI-SAN.
THE INFIRMARY?
YEAH.
I BET HE'S IN THE INFIRMARY AGAIN.
OH, HE WAS JUST A MOMENT AGO...
WHERE COULD HE HAVE GOTTEN TO?
AH, LOOK THERE.
保健室
HE'S OFTEN BEING GOING THERE BY HIMSELF JUST TO LAZE AROUND...

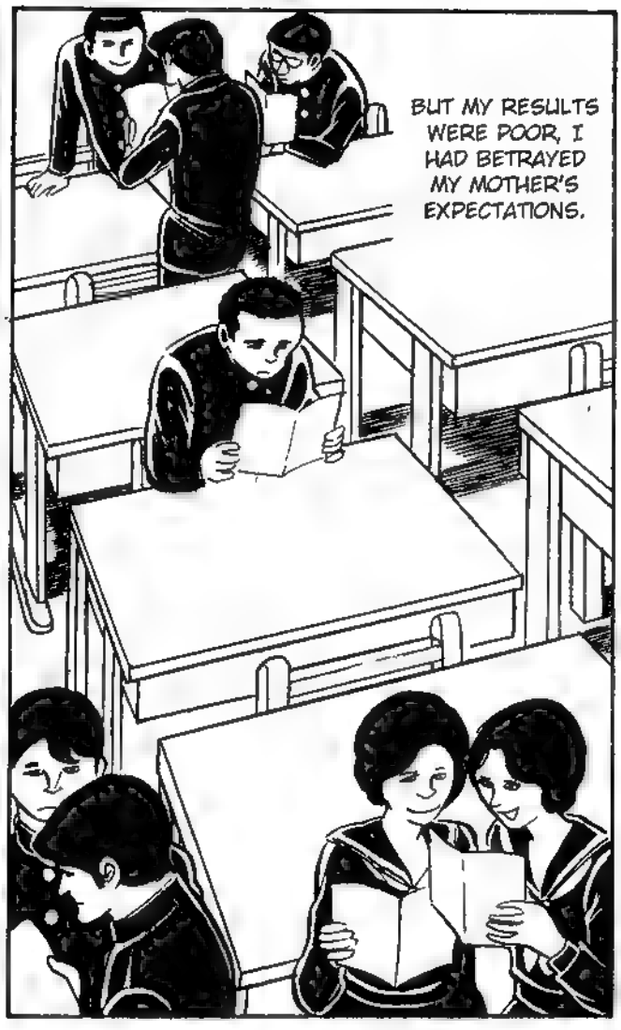

ALL THE STUDYING'S MESSED UP HIS HEAD.
OH MY, HE'S JUST SAT THERE, STARING AT THE MIRROR.

IT SEEMS SOMETHING'S TROUBLING YOU...
BUT NOTHING WILL CHANGE IF YOU JUST BROOD OVER IT ALONE.
HAH?
ONO-KUN...
IT'S NOT LIKE ANYTHING WILL HAPPEN BY TALKING TO YOU ABOUT IT.
YOU CAN'T KNOW THAT UNTIL YOU TRY.
...
WELL, WOULD YOU BELIEVE ME IF I SAID I'D ENTERED THIS MIRROR?
EH, YOU WENT INTO THE MIRROR?!

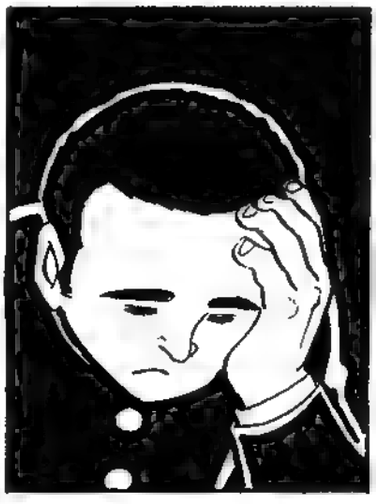
MY FATHER HAD HIS HAND TRAPPED IN A MACHINE AT THE FACTORY, AND WAS ON LEAVE FROM WORK...
YES. IT WAS AROUND THREE MONTHS AGO.
MM, THERE WAS NOTHING ABNORMAL ABOUT THE BONE, SO IT SHOULD HEAL QUICK.
SAY DEAR, YOU HURT YOUR RIGHT HAND, BUT IT'LL BE FINE RIGHT?
DIDN'T I TEACH YOU IT ALL?!
WHAT'S THIS, YOU GOT THEM ALL WRONG!
IT WAS THEN THAT MOTHER ENDED UP IN A REALLY FOUL MOOD.
NOT JUST ANYONE CAN MAKE IT INTO A GOOD SCHOOL YOU KNOW!

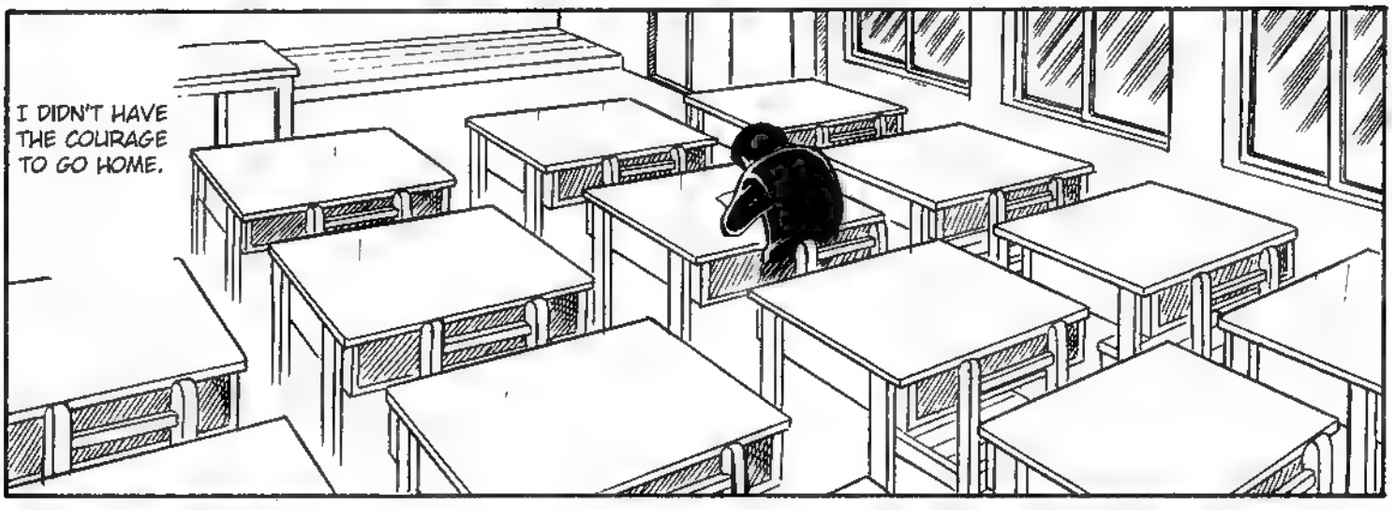
QUIET TARO!
YOU'RE INTERRUPTING THE STUDY!

HAAH, HAAH.
TA... TARO!
FROM THAT DAY ON, MOTHER BECAME ALL THE MORE TERRIFYING....
IT WAS LIKE SHE WAS EXPECTING HER OWN REPORT CARD.
I'VE BEEN WORKING AS HARD AS I CAN WITH YOU, SO I'M SURE YOUR RESULTS WILL IMPROVE.
WE'LL GET YOUR REPORT CARD TODAY.


BUT MY RESULTS WERE POOR, I HAD BETRAYED MY MOTHER'S EXPECTATIONS.

OI, ONO, STILL HERE?




I DIDN'T HAVE THE COURAGE TO GO HOME.

AND SO I ENDED UP FALLING ASLEEP THERE...

MERELY IMAGINING MY MOTHER SCOLDING ME MADE ME SHAKE.

HAH?!
MITSUO!
?
TH... THAT'S MOTHER'S VOICE!
IN MY DREAM I FOUND MYSELF RUNNING AROUND THE SCHOOL BUILDING.
HAAH, HAAH.
WHERE ARE YOU, MITSUO?!

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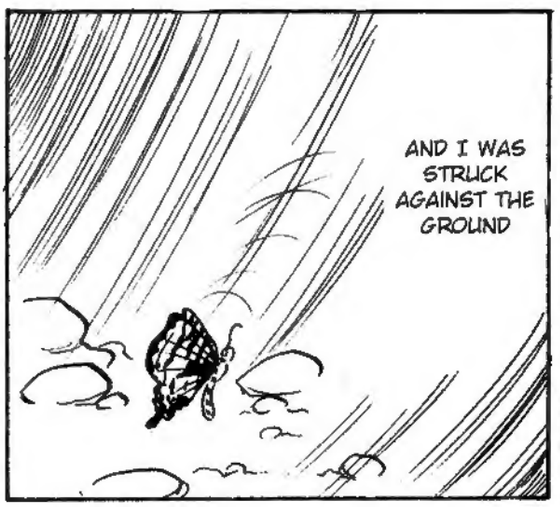
ガタ！
I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG PASSED, BUT I THEN FOUND THAT I WAS A BUTTERFLY.
WITHIN A SPLIT SECOND A MIRACLE OCCURED, AND I SUDDENLY FOUND MYSELF SUCKED INTO A MIRROR.
I HAD NEVER REALISED THAT SUCH BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS, VERDANT TREES, AND OTHER PLANTS GREW IN THE SCHOOL.
A BUTTER-FLY?!
INDEED, I FLEW AROUND TO MY HEART'S CONTENT.
IT WAS THE MOST FUN I HAD EVER HAD. I WAS AN ENTITY THAT COULD DANCE FREELY THROUGHOUT SPACE.
LIKE THAT I FOUND MYSELF FLYING THROUGH THE AIR.

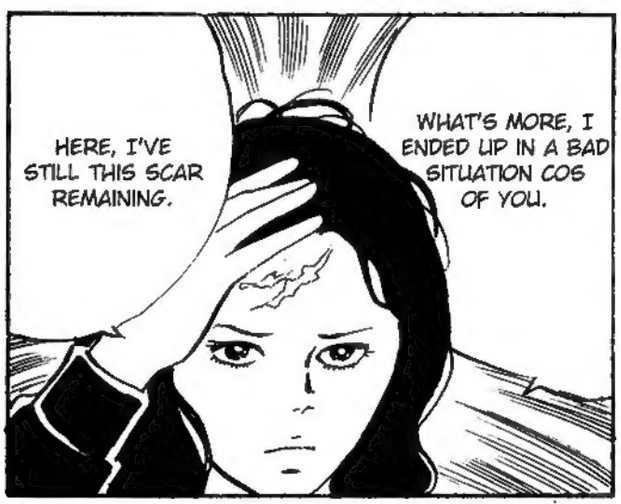
I SPENT SEVERAL DAYS LIKE THIS, WITH THINGS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT TO MY NORMAL LIFE.
OF COURSE, I HAD PLENTY OF FRIENDS TOO.

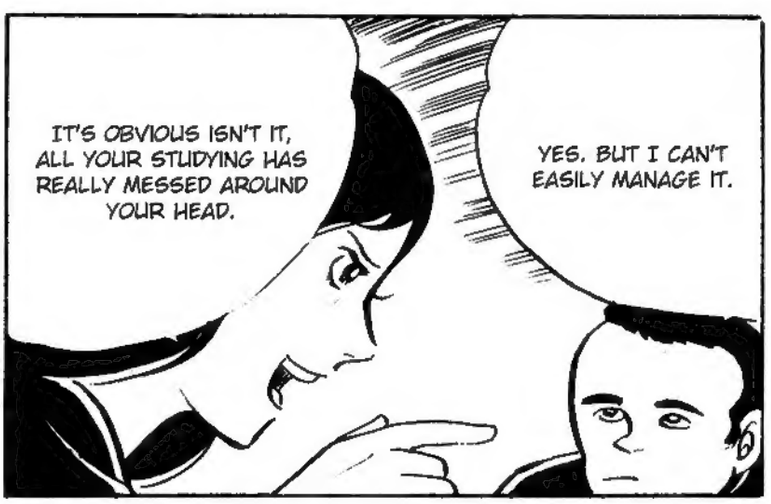

AND I WAS STRUCK AGAINST THE GROUND

AH!
EVEN SO, A STRONG WIND BLEW ONE DAY.

SO YOU'RE STILL WAITING IN FRONT OF THE MIRROR INCASE YOU CAN BECOME A BUTTERFLY AGAIN?
WELL, WHO KNOWS WHAT IT MIGHT'VE BEEN...

AM I BACK IN THE INFIRMARY?
AH!


HERE, I'VE STILL THIS SCAR REMAINING.
WHAT'S MORE, I ENDED UP IN A BAD SITUATION COS OF YOU.


IT'S OBVIOUS ISN'T IT, ALL YOUR STUDYING HAS REALLY MESSED AROUND YOUR HEAD.
YES. BUT I CAN'T EASILY MANAGE IT.

I... I CAN'T, MONEY WISE...
EH?!
I WANT YOU TO COVER THE DOCTOR'S BILL.
EEH?!
WELL NOTHING FOR IT THEN. I'LL NEED TO GIVE YOU THE SAME SCAR.
S... STOP IT PLEEEEASE!
UFUFUFU, YOU SHOULD CERTAINLY BE SCARED.
AAAAARGH!
KUROI-SAN, STOP!
YOU'VE NOWHERE TO RUN, LIKE BACK WHEN YOUR MUM WAS CHASING YOU.

AAAH!

INDEED. HENCE WHY I PURPOSELY DROVE HIM INTO THE MIRROR...
SO ONO-KUN WAS TELLING THE TRUTH....
H... HE'S GONE...?
MM...
PERHAPS IT'S ONO-KUN.
OH, A BUTTERFLY...
LOOKS LIKE IT'S HAVING A REAL FUN TIME FLYING AROUND...
EKO EKO AZARAK!
EKO EKO ZAMERAK!

EKO EKO AZARAK VOLUME 2 - END